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Winnie Mandela's troubling testimony

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Gov't, Histadrut in late-night talks to end strike

and MICHAL YUDELMAN

As hundreds of thousands of workers went to sleep last night not knowing whether they would be working or striking this morning, senior Treasury and labor federation officials were locked in negotiations aimed at bringing the

The Histadrut was to decide by 6 a.m. whether to iotensify the strike

The two sides resumed negotiations in the Treasury at 5:30 last night. By 8:30 the negotiators were describing the talks as "very

"For a change this appears to be a real negotiation, which I couldn't say about previous talks," said head of the Histadrut's tradeunion department, Shlomo Shani. "If it really proves to be so, there

could be progress."
With the damage to the economy With the damage to the economy from the first three days of the late last night to either authorize

strike amounting to some NIS 150 the agreement or merely to hear a million-NIS 200m., both sides progress report from Kucik and said they were keep to bring the dispute to an early end. However, Treasury chief negotiator Yossi Kucik warned that if compromise was not reached by 6 a.m. and the strike intensifies, he would have no choice but to break off negotia-

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Histadrut Chairman

progress report from Kucik and

Prime Minister Bioyamin Netanyahu, speaking in Paris last Prime night, said that he has been in constant touch with Neeman and be bopes that the workers will end their strike.

"If there is a real desire to negotiate, it can all be over by 6 a.m., Peretz said yesterday. "But if [the Treasury] tries to make fools of us once again, the strike will not stop and additional sectors will be join-

Earlier in the evening, both Neeman and Peretz spoke with Presideot Ezer Weizman, wbo expressed his concern about the failure to resolve the dispute.

If no solution is reached, the education system and public transportation are to join the strike today. Tens of thousands of workers

will take to the streets through the day, blocking intersections and thoroughfares, while thousands of

others accompany Peretz and other large union leaders to the Nadonal Labor Court, where they are to answer contempt of court suits filed by the state, Banks Association, and the Ports and

Railways Authority. Peretz made it clear that the contempt of court suits constituted "crossing a red line" in the move

to break organized labor. Senior Treasury sources said the Histadrut and Finance Mioistry

ment which would have ended the strike some time ago, but Neeman

Peretz yesterday accused Neeman of pressing Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to erve back-to-work orders. Rubinstein was prepared to wait a while longer, but there is a deliberate move to push the workers to the wall and to tie our hands in the midst of talks," Peretz said.

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Albright to PM: Make withdrawal 'more credible'

By MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI and news agencies

PARIS - Prime Minister Bioyamin Netanyahu and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had a second meeting here last night, following Albright's meeting in Geneva with Palestine Authority Chairman Yasser Arafar

Earlier yesterday, Albright urged "credible" withdrawal on the West Bank than Netanyahu has pro-

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Netanyahu said vesterday after meeting Albright that "the United States is showing understanding of Israel's security needs."

He said they would meet again on December 17 in Brussels. Albright will be meeting Arafat around the same time. There is oo three-way meeting scheduled right now, but that is certainly a possibility if there is progress, Israel Radio reported.

Netanyahu does oot believe that there will be a government decision on the depth of redeployment by December 17, but that discussions will likely go oo until the end of the month.

"This a step-by-step process in which there will be progress, but not necessarily within a day or two," be said. "But it won't take another five months either."

US envoy Dennis Ross described the Albright-Netanyahu meeting as "fruitful" and said that it took place in a "good atmos-A political source said that

"we're not working with a stop-watch in hand, and at this stage we are oot on the verge of an agreement with the Palestinians." While Netanyahu has suggested a trial period of up to five months for tougher Palestinian anti-terror-

ism measures, Albright pressed for quicker action. "We would like to see a credible further redeployment," she said at

a joint oews conference with Arafat. "We want to make sure there is a

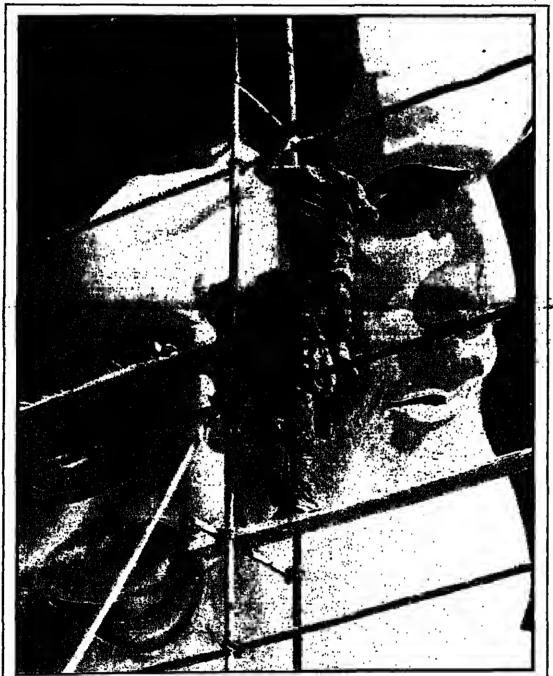
combination of quality and quanti-Arafat declared: "I am not asking for anything more than is in the agreements between us and the

Between his two meetings with Albright, Netanyahu speot one hour with French President Jacques Chirac, who told him that the recent measures decided upon by the Israeli cabinet were neither

concrete nor reliable. The meeting was described as "very frieodly" by Catherine Colonna, Chirac's spokeswoman.

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Mubarak, Hussein to shun Islamic summit

Workers finish a mural on a Teheran street, featuring Ayatollah Khomeini (right), and his spiritual successor Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on eve of pan-Islamic summit. Story, Page 5. (AP)

Iraqi opposition:

UN inspections won't harm Saddam's bio-warfare ability

By JAY BUSHINSKY

President Saddam Hussein is building up secret stockpiles of weapons which will enable him to wage germ warfare on a vast scale, while retaining such delivery systems as Scud missiles despite the renewed presence of United Nations arms inspectors in Iraq, according to the Iraqi opposition.

To evade the international probe of his unconventional arsenal, Saddam has successfully camouflaged his eotire network of military industries as bogus civilian firms, according to the

Ahmad Allawi, an anti-Saddam activist who regularly debriefs Iraqi defectors upon their arrival at his base in Suleiminiya, a city in northern Iraq under UN control, contends that Baghdad's clandestine military buildup far outstrips the inspectors' ability to check, ver-

ify, and stop it.
Allawi described the cases in which Iraqi authorities were compelled to blow up illicit weapons as marginal, compared to the pace and at which weapons of mass destruction are being produced.

The opposition Iraqi National Congress, which has an office in London, reported these infractions of the post-Gulf War restrictions to the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM), beaded Australia's Richard Butler, but to

oo avail, he said. Contacted in London where be has been updated by the INC, Allawi said the allies were able to destroy 80 perceot of Iraq's military produccion centers after the war. But he said Saddam immediately repaired them, changed their names, and put them back to

The Al-Kindi facility in Mosul, for one, has been fully reconstituted and now produces two biological agents capable of causiog outbreaks of bubonic plague io animals and humans, said Allawi. He estimated that 50 tubes a day, each containing five cc's, are coming off the plant's assembly line. In addition, it is chuming out bacteria and viruses that cause measles, pneumonia, and mad eow disease in humans.

Allawi charged that the Iraqi regime has been concealing large quantities of these weapons in the Badoush Dam, near Mosul. He estimated that Iraq has 1,200 facilities making lethal substances of which only seven were visited by UNSCOM inspectors.

Thirty percent of these sites were built for the Iraqis by Russian and French firms and the rest were built by Iraq itself," he said.

UNSCOM was credited by him with baving destroyed three million liters of materials destined for chemical warfare. However, he conteoded that Iraq's El Yarmuk and El Kassir plants produce seven to eight million liters a month.

He cited two major plants that operate under phony names: El Assir which supposedly makes insulin and Hejr which purports to produce agricultural products.

Turning to the reported destrucdon of Iraq's Soud missile inventory by UNSCOM, Allawi described it as a virtual boax. He conceded that 140 Scud missiles were destroyed by UNSCOM, but charged that the Iraqis had removed their engines in advance and replaced them with bogus replicas brought from the El Kaaka plant, which is part of the military's vast network of production

'False-info' scandal unfolds

Mossad agent Yehuda Gil to stand trial

Yehuda Gil, a veteran agent of the Mossad who for ocarly a decade allegedly relayed falsified a accut Sym towards Israel, has been under arrest for the past two weeks.

The 63-year-old suspect, was identified for the first time by name io the Friday edition of Londoo's Daily Telegraph.

A Tel Aviv District Court judge last night lifted a publication ban on Gil's name in Israel, and other aspects of the case, Israel Radio reported. However, it reported that Gil's picture would oot be published so as not to "harm state security."

According to the radio, Gil, who has been charged, will go on trial December 17. The charges against him include transmission of material with the intent to harm state security, theft by a civil servant, and receipt of an object through stealth under grave circumstances. Gil is also charged with submitting false information and saying

it came from foreign sources. The charge sheet adds that Gil was recruited by the Mossad in 1970 and retired in 1989. Since then, however, he has worked on special contracts for certain missions. Other charges have not yet been published, the radio said.

Gil's multi-faceted talents are known to include the ability to speak fluent Arabic, organize

intricate business operations which reportedly served as Mossad fronts and to teach espi-He was described by the Doily

Telegraph as having "a great reputation for recruiting agents" and is VICTOR USTROVSKY S cootroversial book By Woy of Deception about the Mossad as a "katsa," (a Hebrew acronym for katzin issuf or guidance officer). Informatioo leaked or disclosed

by Gil's attorney and political associates suggest a variety of plausible motives. •Material gain: He evidently received funds that were supposed

to be used to pay bis Syrian informer.

•Ideology: His doubts about President Hafez Assad's so-called "strategic decision" to make peace with Israel may have prompted him to try and produce evidence to the contrary.

•Rersonal: Concern about bis

approaching retirement may have prompted him to protect his standing within the Mossad hierarchy to qualify for optimal pension rights. Alternatively, frustratioo over his rank and status, which may bave derived from the notioo that he was passed over for promotion, may have led him to take revenge by feeding phony data to his superiors. MK Benny Elon confirmed that

Gil worked for the Moledet Party for several months. In an Israel Radio interview. Elon said, "I do oot know if he

was a member (of Moledet). He was an employee - perhaps eveo. on behalf of the Mossad. I don't know him."

According to other sources, the man engaged in organizing and management at the national level vhen he worked for Moledet.

Gil's lawyer, Yigal Shapira, told a Channel 2 interviewer that his elient's mood was "downhearted." He indicated that the line of defeose may be that his elient uoderwent an emotional crisis and experienced psychological difficulties which affected his behav-

But Shapira denied that Gil confessed to any charges. According to Iom, the suspect

based some assessments on information be obtained from purported meetiogs with oon-existent sources. Investigators were said to be

probing the whereabouts of money the suspect was given. He was quoted as having said he still had some of the money and would return it under certain circum-

Gil was said to have retired from the Mossad when be worked for Moledet, but to have been called in for periodical stings.

His relationship with Moledet coupled with his hard-line assessments of Syrian intentions reportedly may have caused his Mossad colleagues to become suspicious of bim.

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Arrest shocks neighbors in Gedera

The arrest of veteran Mossad agent Yehuda Gil assounded his friends and neighbors in the ordinarily quiet town of Gedera, evoking expressions of disbelief and fond recollections of his active role in the affairs of this community, which is located southwest of Rehovot.

Gil and bis wife, Noa, live in a well-kept villa in one of the town's most prosperous neighborhoods. In recent days, however, their house has been empty, its shutters closed, neighbors said.

This is a respected and well-established family, whom we number among our founders; it does not seem logical that this man would do anything just for financial gain," a woman who lives nearby said. Another neighbor said Gil was pleasant and easy-

going. "I do not believe it. We're talking about a marvelous family and a decent and honest man who often volunteered to serve the moshava," he said. The neighbors said they knew Gil had worked in a

security-related institution, and that since his reorement he had become very active in the community. Gil was one of the pillars of the Be er society, which determines water allocations in Gedera. He also volunteered to work for the local burial society.

Gil considered running for office in the last municipal election as head of the Gal list, which ideotified with the right-wing Moledet Party, but a short time before the balloting he changed his miod and gave way to another candidate.

Gil was once director-general of the Moledet movement, but resigned after a few months, a party activist said. Others who elaimed to have known Gil and to have been close to him said they were not surprised about the allegations, apparently because he was known to hold extreme right-wing opinions and to be opposed to the idea of territorial compromise.

Gil's wife, Noa, is a high-school teacher in Gedera. The couple has three children, a son who is an officer io an elite IDF unit and two daughters, aged 34 and 31. BACKGROUND

Douglas Davis adds: Gil's alleged activities are mentioned in Mossad defector Victor

Ostrovsky's 1990 book, whose publication Israel failed to preveot in a Canadian court. Ostrovsky writes that in 1985, Gil recruited Jadid, a ministerial-level official with the Syrian military, after recruiting his brother, Magid. Magid was enlisted in Copenhagen in 1985 by a businessman named

Mark who shared Magid's love of chess. Mark said be worked for an investment assess meot company that sold informacion to corporate clients. Magid agreed to provide information and enlisted the services of his brother, according to Ostrovsky.

The Mossad paid £15,000 a month for Jadid's information, and, at one point, had to extricate a prized informant who was suspected of trafficking in drugs and pornography. The Mossad eventually supplied him with a new ideotity and resettled him in Denmark.

Ostrovsky said Gil's exploits ranged from gathering intelligence on the Iraqi ouclear reactor, which Israel bombed in 1981, to organizing Operation Moses, the 1985 airlift of Ethiopian Jews from Sudan to Israel.

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in brief

Soldier injured by rock

An soldier was lightly injured when Palestinians threw rocks at a patrol at Beit Anoun near Ramallah yesierday. The IDF Spokesman said the rock also damaged an IDF vehicle. IDF troops fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the rock-Margot Dudkevitch

PFLP members reportedly arrested

The IDF Spokesman was investigating reports that eight Palestinians affiliated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine were arrested in the Ramallah area on Thursday and Friday. According to Palestinian sources the names of those arrested are Mustafa Sallah and Osama Tarsha, from the Jelazounne refugee camp; Mohammed Farouk Awad, Ghaleb Abu Zaid, Ashraf Subi Awad, and Mohammed Ali Quattossa all from Dir Qadis. Other sources charged that more PFLP activists Margot Dudkevitch and Mohammed Najib

Peace Now demonstrates outside PM's house

About 100 mostly young demonstrators protested for an bour outside the home of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night, urging further and substantial redeployment in negotiations with the Palestinians. "We want to put pressure on Netanyahu saying that this redeployment cannot be like the first one, it must be a redeployment that is negotiated with the Palestinians," said Hagit Yaari, spokeswoman for Peace Now, which organized the demonstration.

Palestinian stabbed with broken glass

A Palestinian youth was slightly injured yesterday after he was stabbed with broken glass outside Damascus Gate of Jerusalem's Old City, police said. The stabbing occurred after a business dispute in the peddlers' market. The youth was taken to Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem. Elli Wohlgelernier

Alleged collaborator murdered in Gaza jail

Jihad Abed A-Razak Majdlawi, 40, was killed last week in a Gaza jail, allegedly by a convicted murderer, Atawa Abdallah Lamor. 24, of Khan Younis. Majdlawi, of Nuseirat, was stabbed to death in a prison yard as an accused collaborator with the GSS, Palestinian sources said.

Larnor reportedly confessed to the murder, saying, "I'm proud that I murdered him. This degenerate was proud that be succeeded in getting 40 Palestinian girls to collaborate with the GSS." Itim

Hamas nevispaper reopens

The weekly Hamas newspaper Aressala resumed publication at the end of last week after being shut down by the Palestinian Police three months ago. The Palestinian Police had closed the newspaper following the Rehov Ben-Yebuda bombings on September 4. Editor Ghazi Hamad said that local human rights organizations and other bodies had pressured the PA to allow the paper to reopen. The issue was also raised by the Palestinian Legislative Council, he said.

Mohammed Najib and Margot Dudkevitch

Four injured in jeep accident

· Four people were injured, one seriously, when the jeep they were travelling in overturned in Nahal Zavitan on the Golan Heights. The injured were taken to Haifa's Rambam Hospital and Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital.

Finance Minister, the people are with you!

Minister - the people are with you - be strong, don't fear," read

"Finance
Minister - the
REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK Kucik,

the black and white poster that was hastily glued to the Finance Ministry's front door last night. The message was signed by "people of the left and the right, with the good of the country at heart."

The only real agreement in talks with the Histadrut was declared at 9.15 p.m., when the Treasury's chief negotiator Yossi Kucik came out of his office and declared "we'll have six or seven meat sandwiches please."

Minutes later the two teams had a short break, enough time for the Histadrut's Shlomo Shani to phone organization chairman Amir Peretz for a quick conversation. Shani's words echoed down the empty first-floor corridor. "Amir, the Treasury is doing as we thought, so I think we'll let you and [Yaakov] Neeman tackle that

meanwbile. admitted through his permanent frown that progress

> While the team of three from each organization pored over a round table in Kucik's office, Treasury spokesman Eli Yossef kept messaging journalists through the night, and answering the odd telephone call, "no there's nothing new to report. Yes, I will

was being made, "but there's still

eight or nine areas of disagree-

call you if anything changes." Kucik left the room once to consult with Neeman. Conducting the conversation with Neeman's voice on speakerphone, one could hear Kucik ask the minister to be at the Treasury by midnight, and Neeman responding: "I'll only come down when you tell me there's something to come for."

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When the Mossad decided to launch an inquiry, its director, Danny Yatom, asked permission from Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstem to proceed, who gave him the go-ahead.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday that the media has exaggerated the importance of information submitted by Gil. Nevertheless, this is a grave phenomenon entailing the falsification of intelligence, he said.

But, added Netanyahu, "I would be careful about drawing conclusions about the Mossad," which be described as a vital institution.

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) called for an urgent meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on the affair, alleging that Gil's political motives were being glossed over.

"It is obvious that a traitor did this to torpedo the chance of peaces with Syria and Lebanon in exchange for a withdrawal from the Golan Heights," Cohen said. Cohen said that the fact that talks with Syria had ground to a halt, could indicate that data furnished by Gil may have affected

Israeli policy on Syria. The Mossad was reportedly analyzing all reports ever submitted

Douglas Davis contributed to this report.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of

ETHEL BASFORD

Funeral, Sunday. December 7, 1997, at 11 a.m., leaving from the Beth Hesped opposite Herzog Hospital, for Givat Shaul. Ronald and Sharon Basford, Rami Sivan, Yael, irit and Yaniv Basford.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

Merom to challenge Barak on yeshiva students' national service

Labor MK Haggai Merom announced last night that he will oppose party chairman Ehud Barak's proposal to draft yeshiva stu-dents for national service. The issue is due to be raised by Barak today at the party convention in Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium.

The yeshiva students' conscription issue promises to be perhaps the only spark of possible controversy, as Barak had made sure in advance that deliberations there would be no votes or decisions on any con-

Merom said yesterday that Barak's idea is "geared to gain him a few more popularity points. Here is yet another example of the new norm be introduced of running a political party according to what the polls seem to dictate. If the polls deem that a certain issue will win Barak popularity, then he will espouse it. There are no other criteria and no guidelines."

Merom's procedural objection is "that the matter bad not been discussed in any party forum and had never been brought up in any shape or form. As such, it cannot suddenly be whipped up out of nowhere and be served to the convention as a ready-made resolution merely on Barak's say-so."

If Barak attempts to raise the matter, "be will encounter stiff opposition. Despite what he may like, this is still not a one-man

party. We are still a democratic institution," Merom said, adding that "yeshiva students should not be conscripted into national service. I can just see these fellows in the school system, for example, seeking to bring the entire student body back to reli-gion. These yeshiva boys belong in the army like the rest of Israel's citizens and

should be given no discounts." As to Arabs, Merom said that "it is doubtful they should even be asked in do national service in their own communities, because the situation is still not ripe for that."

Merom was badly sning by Barak recent-ly after be decided to run for party secretary-general. Despite Merom's previous support for Barak during the Labor leader-ship battle, Barak threw his full political weight behind Merom's chief opponent, MK Ra'anan Cohen. As a result Merom dropped out of the race, accusing Barak of having clearly preferred Cohen because be is Iraqi-born, a fact which could conceivably win him a few more points among the Sepbardi voters. Barak also preferred Cohen because Cohen is so docile and obe-dient, and Barak only wants yes-men around him.

MK Nissim Zvilli, meanwhile, told Irim that Labor must carry the banner of social issues, as well as that of peace, if it is to succeed in the next election.

Mordechai to Turkey

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and METEHAN DEMIR

Minister Yitzhak Defense Mordecbai departs for Ankara tomorrow in the first official visit by an Israeli defense minister to Turkey. The visit attests to the strengthening relations between the two countries' military estab-

One of the main topics of discussion will be the controversial ioint naval maneuvers involving Israel, Turkey, and the US, which have been postponed twice. But bigh-level Turkish military sources confirmed over the weekend that the maneuvers will be held next month. The exact date is under censorship.

The exercised has been dubbed Reliant Mermaid," according to Jane's Defense Weekly.

Mordechai has repeatedly stated that the maneuvers are revolve around rescue exercises and are directed at anyone, Nevertheless, Arab countries have criticized them.

During Mordechai's two-day official visit he is to meet with Turkey's top leadership, including Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz. Defense: Minister Ismet Sergio, and top army brass. Much of his visit will focus on defense industry cooperation and Mordechai is slated to visit Turkey's nineralt industry. Mordechai will also meet with the Istanbul Jewish community.

Strategically, both nations see the proliferation of non-conventional weapons and terrorism as serious examine ways to enhance security and military cooperation.

Accompanying Mordechai will be ministry Director-General llan Biran and special adviser David Ivry. He will also be taking a number of exemplary IDF officers and warrant officers as a gesture of appreciation for their service.

In a related matter, Turkish military sources said that Turkey's top intelligence officer, Lt.-Gen. Cetin Saner, is planning to visit Israel and Egypt in April. Chief of General Staff Gen. Ismail Hakki Karadayi is slated to visit Egypt in mid-December, while OC Land Forces Gen. Huseyin Kivrikogin will be in Israel in mid-January.

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Happy Birthday Sacha!

Youths from Mevasseret Zion hold up signs wishing a happy birthday to Sacha Elterman, the Australian athlete still hospitalized with serious injuries sustained in the Maccabiah bridge collapse. With JNF help, the youths planted 16 trees in her honor and videotaped the activity for her.

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On Intifada's 10th anniversary

Hamas calls to 'keep gun directed at Israel'

By MARGOT DUDKEYITCH

Marking the tenth anniversary since the outbreak of the intifada, the Hamas spokesman in Amman called yesterday on Palestinians to keep "the gun directed towards the Zionist enemy."

"Hamas appeals to all Palestinian forces inside the territories and in the diaspora to unite their ranks in confronting the (Israeli) enemy," said a statement signed by spokesman Ibrahim Gbosbeh.

He also urged Palestinians to "stand firmly against all conspiracies targeting the land of Palestine, all of Palestine, and Jerusalem, all of Jerusalem," and for "eliminat-

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also pushing us to the wall," he said.

ing collaborators" with Israel. In Hebron yesterday, about 500 activists of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine burned

an IDF soldier in effigy and also torched some Israeli and US flags. The protesters at the Islamic University in Hebron also beld up photos of Palestinian prisoners and of the movement's leader, George Habash, who lives in

Damascus. Speakers rejected Israel's proposed pullback in the West Bank and called for continued struggle

against Israel.

Palestinians said that at least 30 Arabs were wounded in clashes with the IDF in Hebron and Rafiah on Friday.

Neeman - with Netanyahn's full

Other sources said that five also said that IDF officials would people were burt in the unrest in Raffah. The violence erupted as hundreds of Palestinians threw stones and firebombs at an IDF outpost, charging that the soldiers had taken some of their

Palestinian sources claimed that soldiers fired live ammunition at the protesters and that a 3-year-old boy and an Associated Press cameraman were among the wounded. The cameraman was shot in the

hand. The IDF spokesman said that soldiers fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse demonstrators after Palestinian police failed to

today, he will hire private contrac-

Municipal workers will not deal

with the public today. Even if the

national Histadrut strike is ended,

the Tel Aviv stand-off will continue.

that he had objected to Labor

Knesset Faction chairman Ra'anan

Cohen's intention to move no-con-

fidence in the government because

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ers and their leaders include many

supporters of the Likud. Shas and

other parties, and they are all unit-

However, MK Avraham Poraz

(Shinni) has asked Rubinstein to act

to lift Peretz's parliamentary immu-

nity, so be can be tried for contempt.

of court. Poraz also has asked the

House Committee to rescind Peretz's

parliamentary rights. He said he

ed on this issue," Peretz said.

The strike has no partisan affiliation and must not be made to

of the labor relations crisis.

Peretz revealed over the weekend

tors to clean up the city.

stop the protests. The spokesman

Yassin addressed a crowd of about 1,000 in Gaza vesterday. He ashed out at corruption in the Palestinian Authority, and called on PA head Yasser Arafat to win

meet with Palestinians in the com-

ing days to discuss the land issue

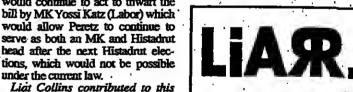
Meanwhile Sheikh Ahmad

the release of Hamas prisoners beld by Israel. "We have to stand in the face of the corruption, we should not allow corruption to take place in our nation," he said.

Yassin also demanded the reopening of Hamas-affiliated institutions sbut by the PA in recent months.

would continue to act to thwart the bill by MK Yossi Katz (Labor) which would allow Peretz to continue to serve as both an MK and Histadrut

tions, which would not be possible under the current law. . Liat Collins contributed to this



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Peretz revealed that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told him at their Thursday meeting in Ben-Gurion Airport that be too had reached the conclusion that the workers agreement should first be obtained before privatization moves and structural reforms are made. It was the Histadrut's decision to permit the workers who received

back-to-work orders to return to work over the weekend which paved the way to renew negotiations. It became clear late last night that one of the key sticking points was reaching compromise over the pension agreement signed in May

1996 by Peretz and former finance minister Avraham Sbohat, which

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The president told Mr. Netanyahu things only goods friends can say m one another," she said.

Political analysts understood that while the atmosphere of the encounter was amicable, the exchange between the two leaders was rather frank and outspoken.

According to Colonna, Chirac said be is "worried and pessimistic" over the current standstill of the peace process. "The recent propositions of the Israeli cabinet do not tend to

resuscitate the peace process nor to revive the much needed confidence," he reportedly said. Chirac encouraged Netanyahu

backing - is refusing to uphold. The Histadrut is demanding the agreement be retroactively "We are facing a finance minister who not only ignited the flame but is enforced, while the Treasury says it is prepared to allow implementation from January 1, 1998, according to Histadrut sources. Over the weekend, 400 Mekorot

workers resumed their posts and the Histadrut allowed some 40 flights to land and take off at Ben-Gurion Airport. The airport closed again at 5 p.m. yesterday, pending a decision on whether the strike will continue. But thousands of Israelis are still stuck abroad, and many tourists are unable to leave the country.

Meanwhile, the near-agreement between the Tel Aviv Municipality and the Histadrut to end the garbage strike exploded on Friday, as the sanitation workers rejected the understandings reached earlier. Mayor Rouni Milo threatened that if the workers are not back at work

crete and reliable initiative." On some issues, Albright said, we should come to closure soon." She referred the Palestinians' demand for an airport and a corridor to connect Gaza with the West Bank, a senior US official said. Albright called her three-hour meeting with Arafat "very useful

and constructive." Appealing to Arafat to do more on security, Albright said: "Chairman Arafat understands the importance of having a 100 percent effort on his part on the security situation. There is no question there has been improvement in security cooperation, but there is always more that can be done: There can be no complacency. It requires: 100 percent effort, 24 bours a day, seven days a week. The terrorists are unrelenting, and so must be the

efforts against them."

Arafat, meanwhile, reaffirmed his commitment to a settlement with Israel. He said the peace process was "a strategic choice for the Palestinian people." Netanyahu said on Friday his

government needed several more weeks before it could present a detailed redeployment plan. The ministerial committee preparing the redeployment map is to meet again this afternoon.

He said be informed French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin that Israel would give the PA five months to assure security in the areas to be handed over before any

At their Thursday evening meeting in Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl expressed in Netanyahu his growing concern" over the Middle East, a German government spokesman said on Friday.

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By DAVID RUDGE

An IDF officer was very lightly

wounded during fighting in the

security zone last night. The offi-

cer, a captain, was with troops on

operational duties in the zone's

western sector when they came

Several mortar rounds fell in the

area, apparently close to the troops,

and the officer suffered very light

injuries caused by shrapnel. He

The incident followed a series of

in the zone's eastern sector, earlier

Deputy Foreigo Viktor Possovalyuk

returned to Jerusalem, yesterday

after visiting Syria and Lebanon. He is to meet today with Foreign

Ministry Director-General Eitan

In Beirut on Friday, he offered to

mediate in negotiations to swap

the remains of IDF soldiers killed

in south Lebanon for Lebanese

ian matter, we are ready," he told

reporters after meeting Lebanese

A dozen IDF commandos were

killed on September 5 when they

were ambushed after landing on

the Lebanese coast north of the

Hizbullah gunmen were joined by Amal militiamen and Lebanese

soldiers in the fighting with the

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan

Nasrallah said in September that the

group was negotiating the exchange

of Lebanese prisoners held by Israel

for body parts from the commandos

Earlier on Friday, Possovalyuk

mel Nasrallah and the swap nego-

tiations were high on the agenda, a

The daily an-Nahar on Friday

reported that the negotiations had

made some progress, saying that

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source close to the talks said.

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in the past several years - one bas been claiming that Syria is headed towards war and the other that it is beaded towards

Granot praises former OC Intelligence Uri Saguy "because be managed to wisely overlook the 'noises' [false information.]"

Finance Minister Yazkov Neeman was harshly criticized

Hizbullah vows to retaliate for Friday's losses

IDF officer lightly wounded in Lebanon

return fire from IDF and SLA gun-

Meanwhile, Hizbullah yesterday threatened to retaliate for the deaths of three Lebanese civilians in bomb explosions near Majdal Salim village, which is north of the Security zone.

The organization accused Israel of being responsible for planting the devices that killed the three men and badly wounded a fourth on Friday afternoon.

long-range attacks by Hizbullah gunmen on IDF and South "We hold the Zionist enemy fully Lebanese Army positions, mainly responsible for this crime and its consequences," Hizbullah's leader in South Lebanon, Sheikh Nabil There were no casualties in the Kaouk, said in a statement issued in earlier incidents, which prompted

The crime will not go unpun-ished. The resistance is determined to make the enemy pay a heavy price and make him weigh the consequences before carrying out similar attacks," Kaouk said.

It was unclear from Kaouk's statement whether retaliation would take the form of Katyusha rocket fire on Galilee or concerted attacks on IDF and South Lebanese Army targets in the security zone.

Israel made no comment about the bomb blasts which, according to reports from Lebanon, occurred about 500 meters from the nearest houses in Majdal Salim - not far from a wadi which has been used

Russian deputy FM in Lebanon

to discuss Hizbullah-IDF prisoner swap

According to the reports, a 55 year-old shepherd from Majdal Salim was killed in the first explosion. Two other residents were killed and a third badly wounded in a second blast when they went to the aid of the shepherd.

News agencies quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that it was not clear whether the blasts were caused by explosive devices or mines.

Houses in Majdal Salim village, which has been deserted by many of its inhabitants because of its proximity to the northern perimeter of the zone, have been used in the by Hizbullah gunmen in the past as past as cover by Hizbullah monar crews firing at IDF and SLA out-

Meanwhile, Labor MK Yossi Beilin, who is leading a movement calling for a withdrawal from south Lebanon, told Channel 2 he had been in contact with Lebanese officials over his proposals. Beilin said he mei some Lebanese officials directly, although most were through the auspices of Europeans and others who visited Lebanon and met with officials there, including some Hizbullah leaders.

"My impression is that the Lebanese government is very interested in us leaving south Lebanon and that it is willing to implement UN security council resolution 425 - to deploy to the international border with the assistance of UNIFIL," Beilin said.

Navy intercepts boat with Iraqi refugees

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and Itim

The Navy intercepted a suspicious vessel after it strayed into Israeli waters Friday, and discovered it was a small Lebanese craft ladened with Iraqi and Kurdish refugees, the army said.

The vessel was intercepted about 40 km. off the Herzliya coast and taken to the naval port in Ashdod, where it was examined. Among the 28 refugees were 11 children and two women, one of whom was about to give birth, the army said. Apparently, the ship set sail for Crete five days beforehand from

Tripoli, Lebanon. But the ship was caught io a storm and drifted lost off the Israeli coast. When the navy found it, the ship was running low on food and water supplies. The crew was given medical treatment and the pregnant woman

was taken to Ashkelon's Barzilai Hospital for examinations, the army said. The woman and fems were found to be healthy and returned to the naval base. The IDF also questioned the refugees about life in Iraq. "They

were very scared," a soldier said. They kept asking in terror, 'Are you sending us back to Iraq?" Several of the refugees asked to remain in Israel, but the vessel was sent on its way yesterday morning

after it was repaired and loaded

(AP) with fuel, water and provisions

NEWS

Matza, Neeman to discuss health budget

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza will meet with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman to try again to bridge the gaps between them on the arrangements bill and dealing with the health system's NIS 1.3 billion budget deficit, it was learned last night.

Matza said be is unwilling to accept that the state budget, as prepared, doesn't offer a solution to this deficit and that the arrangements bill will in effect revoke the egalitarian National Health Insurance Law.

Judy Siege Judy Siegel

Haredim block Rehov Bar-Ilan

A haredi youth was detained yesterday for stoning a police car, after some 150 haredim blocked Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan, police said. Police pushed the crowd back on 10 the sidewalk and reopened the street to traffic at midday.

Safed residents protest open cafe on Shabbat

Hundreds of observant Safed residents gathered outside a cafe in the town on Friday night to protest its remaining open with eommunal singing. The cafe owner then gathered a group of his friends who own motorcycles and they rode them back and forth near the protesters. The owner said the protest only streogthened his resolve to stay open on Shabbat.

Northern towns: Don't remove our soldiers

The forum of confrontation line settlements in the North has called on Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to reverse bis decision to stop using troops to guard settlements along the northern border. Forum head and Ma'alot Mayor Shlomo Buhbut said at a meeting of the group in Nahariya on Friday that as long as troops are used to guard Rachel's Tomb and other sites in as troops are used to guard known a round and Samaria, it is inconceivable that they stop guarding

Itim

Police arrest 35 in Jerusalem casino raids

A police raid of gambling operations in Jerusalem on Thursday night resulted in 35 suspects being detained overnight for ques-noning, and over 200 gambling machines being confiscated by police. According to police, tens of thousands of shekels were being gambled at these establishments every day. Police will recommend that the 35 suspects, who were released on bail, be charged with illegal business practices. Elli Wohlgelernter

US travel writers arrive to plan conference

Representatives of SATW, the American travel writers association, arrived over the weekend. They are on a planning trip for the group's 1998 conference, which will take place here. In 1983. SATW beld a conference here, boosting tourism to Israel from North America for several years.

Ministry to probe teen's death after operation Five transplants were performed over the weekend after 17year-old Tarani Harib, from Deir Hanna in the Galilee, died suddenly of cardiac arrest after a routine nasal operation in Haifa's

Bnai Zion Hospital. The Health Ministry set up a committee to investigate the death. Her relatives agreed io donate ber organs; one of them Judy Siegel went to Hatib's 12-year-old cousin.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

The Hebrew press focused on two major events over the weekend: the Histadrut general strike and last week's revelation that false intelligeoce information about Syria has been flowing into the defense and political

systems. "In the place where informatioo-embezzlement is exposed, it is obvious that severe sickness and perhaps decay exists."
Ha'aretz's Ze'ev Schiff writes, warning that when this phenomenoo continues for numerous years, it is an indication of faulty operation not only withio a certain branch, but throughout the whole intelligence commu-

In his article "Earthquake," Ya'acov Erez of Ma'ariv focuses on the impact of false information on the decision-making process of the politicians.

"This sort of information might have radicalized Israeli positions, caused the escalation of tension and might bave brought on a military confrontation betweeo Israel and Syria," he writes.

Yediot Aharonot's Ron Beo-Yishai writes that except for damaging the reputation of the intelligeoce community and burting public morale, the affair has not caused any political or security damage to the state. All information is cross-checked and the decision-making process never relies oo a single source, be explains.

However, "it had caused severe damage to mutual trust, vital to the working relations between the different branches of the intelligeoce community." be writes, adding that it will undoubtedly, "sabotage the work of the Israeli intelligeoce community in giving us the protection that we oeed.

Ma'ariv's Oded Granot refers to the cooflict between the Mossad and Army Iotelligence

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"Minister Neeman is not a bomh," Yediot's B. Miebael

writes, "be is a thunderbolt, all noise and rings.

Russian Depoty Foreign Minister Viktor Possovalyuk speaks to reporters after meeting with Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut on Friday.

He adds that nothing constructive has ever come out of Neeman's statements and sug-

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adding that "usually, he is immediately forgiven."

According to Yerushalmi, there are those who claim that Neeman "adopts a calculated

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Yediot's Uti Elitzur focuses on differences between Histadrul Chairman Amir Peretz

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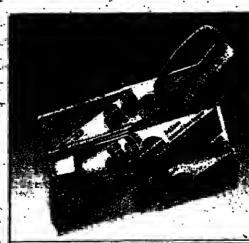
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Bronfman reiterates call for billion-dollar Swiss settlement

By MARILYN HENRY

Jewish Coogress World President Edgar Bronfman has reiterated his call for a billion-dolsettlement Switzerland, suggesting it is time to dispense with the "nonsense" of "great funds and commissions and the committee that's looking into

bank accounts." However, US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat cautioned Friday that "one should not be dismissive of... historical research."

Bronfman made his call for a settlement in Houston as the international conference in London on Nazi gold was winding down.

By the close of last week's historic meeting of 41 nations, nine states - including Austria and Poland - had made commitments of more than a total of \$15 million for a new fund to benefit Holocaust survivors.

That amount fell far short of the \$60 million remaining in the cof-

Commissioo, which was established after World War II to return gold to European states whose reserves had been looted by the

Jewish groups had agitated for the so-called "residual gold" to be used for survivors, a position that had the backing of US.

"I'm in a bit of a hurry because of the age of the Holocaust survivors. I'd like to get money to them quickly rather than delay, delay, and delay, which of course is what the Swiss bave been doing," Bronfman said Thursday in Houston, where he was to receive an award from the Holocaust Museum of Houston.

"Let's forget all this nonsense about great funds and commissions and the committee that's looking into bank accounts. Let's just say there's a figure at which point we could just settle the whole damn thing, which includes of course the class action suits in

fers of the Tripartite Gold New York," he said, according to a into the bank accounts, the Reuters report.

Three lawsuits, pending in federal court in New York, are seeking at least \$20 billion from Swiss banks. Some of the lawyers representiog claimants have insisted that the WJC does not bave the authority to negotiate a settlement on their behalf.

In Washington on Friday and earlier in London, Eizenstat praised the historical commissions, particularly the research of the Bergier Commissioo in Switzerland.

"I think, in some respects, the most important feature of what's been happening here will be not just the money, but in the long term the cleansing effect that these national commissions will have." Eizenstat said.

panels to examine their role in the war and their relationship to loot-

Twelve countries have set up

The committee that is looking

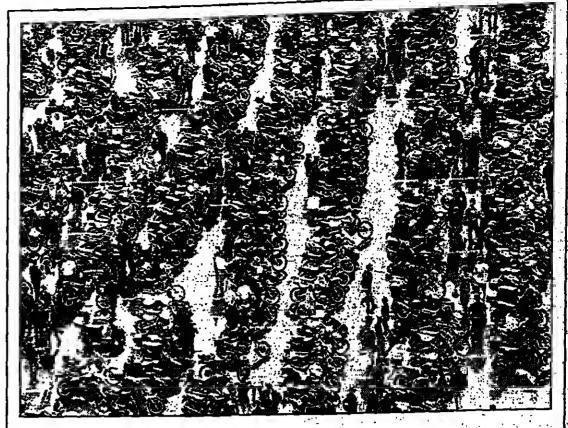
Volcker Committee, was created in May 1996 by the World Jewish Congress and the Swiss Bankers

The WJC-bankers agreement established the terms for a forensic audit of dormant Swiss accounts and a process to resolve claims, to be headed by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker.

The SBA announced Friday in Basel that the banks had begun to pay some claims, but it declined to name the claimants or the amounts they had received.

"Somewhat more than 10 cases have been settled now, but the number is changing by the hour," SBA spokeswoman Silvia Matile told Reuters.

Approximately 6,000 claims have been filed on the dormant accounts since July, when the SBA published the first of several lists of names on unclaimed



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Wiesenthal Center asks Swiss banks Swiss banker cleared of antisemitic remarks to freeze suspected Nazi accounts

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - The Simon Wiesenthal Center has asked Swiss banks to freeze 52 dormant accounts which may have been opened by Nazi war criminals.

The 52 suspect names were culled from a list of 3,700 dormant accounts held by non-Swiss citizens, which was published October 29 by the Swiss Bankers Association. "Both the first and last names of the suspect Nazis matched those given in the Swiss list," said Rabbi Marvin Hier,

dean of the Wiesenthal Center.

Among them are Gestapo official Karl Bauer, Georg Schwarz, an officer at Auschwitz; Emil Bauman, accused of murder and torture at the Struthof/Natzweiler concentration camp; and Alfred Meyer, gauleiter of Westphalia.

All of the suspects were members of the SS and/or Gestapo, whose names appear on the UN War Crimes Commission list, Hier said.

The new list of 52 supplements an earlier Wiesenthal Center list of 105 Nazi suspects among 1,800 dormant account holders made public

by Swiss banks in July. These 105 accounts have been frozen, and Hier asked the Swiss government to follow the same procedure for the additional 52 accounts.

Only the Swiss banks, which have the complete banking records, can determine if the accounts were. in fact, opened by Nazi officials, Hier said. This latest revelation just proves what the Wiesenthal Center has been asserting all along. that only a full-fledged investigation of perpetrators' accounts will clarify the scope of Nazi assets held by Swiss banks," Hier noted.

ZURICH (AP) - A retired Swiss banker has been cleared of making antisemioc remarks in

an interview with The New Yorker magazine, a prosecutor said over the weekend. Zurich District Attorney Thomas Wuergler said he had dropped the investigation after finding that he was unable to prove that Robert Holzach, honorary chairman of

such views. Author Jane Kramer paraphrased Holzach, 75, as saying "a Jewish conspiracy" to take over the world's largest banks was behind criticism of Swiss banks over unclaimed assets of

Switzerland's largest bank, had expressed

Holocaust victims. "The investigation failed to demonstrate that Holzach made the remarks attributed to him,"

said Wuergier.

the Union Bank of Switzerland, has denied making the statements attributed to him, and the bank has denounced such views.

Wuergler was investigating because of a complaint over the article filed by a Basel cantooal (state) legislator, Marcel Hess, on grounds that expression of such sentiments violate Swiss law.

The prosecutor confirmed a report in the daily Thurgauer Zeitung that an October 27 decree dismissing the charges had taken effect after Hess failed to appeal within days of receiving the decision.

Wuergler said that Kramer had not quoted Holzach directly and that a complete reading of the article justified the decision to drop the

In his original complaint made to the court, Holzach, one of two honorary chairmen at Hess cited a passage in the article, "Manna.

from Hell," in the April 28 and May 5 issue of the magazine.

Meanwhile, the German Defense Ministry yesterday announced it is investigating an incident in which a convicted neo-Nazi gave a speech at it's military leadership academy in Hamburg in 1995.

A ministry spokesman said officials wanted to clear up whether those responsible for inviting former attorney Manfred Roeder, knew of his neo-Nazi past and court convictions for rightist activity."

Roeder was released from prison in 1990 after serving eight years of a 13-year sentence for arson attacks in 1980 in which two Vietnamese immigrants were killed

He was previously convicted in 1978 of distributing neo-Nazi literature and inciting the

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TEHERAN (AP) - The leaders of Egypt, Jordan and Indonesia will not be attending this week's pan-Islamic summit in Teheran, representatives for the three yesterday confirmed.

Meanwhile, Moslem foreign ministers from Africa, Asia and Europe searched for common ground yesterday at a meeting that heralds Iran's growing international acceptance but highlights disputes that have long divided the Islamic world. The foreign ministers' meeting is a prelude to the ters' meeting is a prelude to the eighth Islamic Conference. Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak didn't explain wby he wasn't attending, but officials in Cairo said the conference came at a "delicate time" for Moslems. Jordan's King Hussein said he would send Crown Prince Hassan in bis place, without explaining

why.
Indonesia's President Subarto also was staying away from the meeting saying he needed to rest. and was sending his foreign minister, Ali Alatas, in his place.

International terrorism, trade among member states and the stalled Middle East peace process are among the issues to be addressed at the summit, which starts oo Tuesday.

The two-day meeting of 35 foreign ministers will try to bridge differences before heads of government sit down Tuesday for the summit of the 55-member Organization of the Islamic

Conference.

There are differences of views among Moslem countries," said Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who serves as the conference's spokesman, "But I believe that among the core issues, there is a unity of purpose here."

He urged delegates to undertake "frank and serious dialogue." So far, delegates have disagreed on US policy in the region, particularly in the Gulf. A meeting of lower-



Delegates from dozens of Moslem countries stand as the Iranian national anthem is played Friday during the inauguration of the Teheran conference center hosting the eighth Islamic Conference this week. The screens show the face of Ayatollah Ruhollah

included delegates from US allies Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, was unable to agree on the wording of a resolution.

No action was taken, either, on Iraq's dispute with the United Nations and Turkey's military intervection in northern Iraq, although yesterday delegates discussed lraq's relations with Kuwait, Syria, and Turkey, said Azeddine Laraki, the organization's secretary-general.

Iran, which fashions itself as a leading opponent of the Middle East peace process, had trouble finding support, too, for denuncia-ons of Moslem countries with ties

The foreign ministers' meeting will tackle many of the same issues to be considered at the summit: development, cooperacion, regional ties, and policy toward Israel.

So far, disagreements have centered on resolutions critical of US policy io the region, particularly in the Gulf. Zarif said, however, that of more than 140 resolutions, delegates disagreed on fewer than 10. He said that opposition to Israel was the one issue that united nearly every delegate present. "All Islamic countries believe that

Israel is the greatest threat to Islamic countries and the greatest danger to the region," Zarif told a news conference before the meeting.

The gathering was a remarkable show of the diversity in the Moslem world, an arc that stretches from the west coast of Africa to east Asia. At the conference hall, Iranian clerics in robes and turbans mixed with Arab ministers in cbeckered red-and-white headdress and African delegates in tra-

Iran has spent months preparing for the conference, which it sees as a way to meod ties with countries that long feared its brand of radical Islam that followed the 1979 revo-

Signs of Iran's fervor remain. Down the street from the conference hall, a sign read, "Islam humiliates and downgrades the superpowers." And yesterday's editorial in the hard-line Jomhuri Islami newspaper derided Egypt, Jordan and Morocco as "official lackeys of the United States and

Russia releases US spy suspect

By MAURA REYNOLDS

MOSCOW (AP) - A day after charging an American engineer with spying, Russian authorities released bim yesterday, but said he would still be prosecuted for surveying sensiove sites.

The move followed protests from the Uoited States and warnings that bis arrest could hurt trade

Richard L. Bliss, 29, was detained November 25 after making land surveys in southern Russia. He is a field technician employed by Qualcomm, Inc. of San Diego, a telecommunications firm that is installing a cellular phone system in the region.

Russian iotelligence officials accused Bliss of surveying sensiove sites using satellite receivers

brought into Russia illegally. Bliss has admitted surveying but says he is innocent of espionage, said Alexander Turinsky, a spokesman for the Rostov region's

branch of the Federal Security Service, a successor to the Soviet KGB.

Bliss was charged with violating a statute of the Russian criminal code that outlaws "gathering information connected to state secrets with the goal of providing it to a foreign state, foreign organizations or their representatives,'

Turinsky said. He faces as much as 20 years in prison if convicted.

Bliss' lawyer, Valery Petryayev,

insisted his client is innocent. "He didn't know, couldn't have guessed, that he was breaking any laws," Petryayev told Russia's NTV network.

The State Department had urged on Friday that Bliss be released, charging there was "no credible rea-son" for the allegations against him. It also warned that the United States' goal of closer trade ties with Russia will not be reached if "legitimate businessmen" such as

Experts: Iran's missiles greater threat than Iraq's

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - Iran, not Iraq, poses the greatest threat to stability in the Middle East and Teheran is steadily building up its arsenal of weapons of mass destruction and delivery systems, with Chinese help, American Jewish researchers said.

They estimated that Iran would be able to launch intermediaterange ballistic missiles, capable of hitting targets in Israel and throughout the Middle East, in

less than two years.

The warnings were giveo last week at a conference on Chinese Arms and Technology Transfer to Iran," convened by the Asia and Pacific Rim Institute (APRI) of the American Jewish Committee.

Although Chinese leader Jiang Zemin promised US President Bill Clinton at their summit meeting in October that China would balt high-technology arms record in keeping such promises Jacobs warned.

is not reassuring, said Dr. Bates

Gill, who delivered the keynote report, is director of the East Asia Nonproliferation Project at the Monterey (Calif.) Institute of International Studies.

While Russia is also a major arms supplier to Iran, Chioa, in particular, "appears to have made significant contributions to Iran's indigeoous military production capability through the provision of scientific expertise, technical cooperation, technology transfers, productioo technologies, blueprints and dual-use transfers," Gill said.

Barry Jacobs, APRI's associate director, said that "despite the election of a so-called moderate Islamic cleric - Mohammed Khatami - as president: Iran remains the single greatest threat to the Middle East.

"Even if Iran oever uses these weapons, their possession alone

At least 35 train passengers die in India terror attacks

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - At least 10 people were killed and 72 injured in three separate train blasts in southern India yesterday, the United

Six people were killed and 23 injured when two bombs exploded almost simultaneously in two passenger trains in the southeastern state of Tamil Nadu, a senior police official said.

One explosion in the second class compartment of a Maduraibound Pandiyan Express killed four people and injured 17.

(Reuters)

Northern Ireland police yester-day tried to establish a motive for

the murder of a Catholic man in a

mainly Protestant Belfast suburb.

Sources io the Catholic com-

munity in Glengormley named

him as Gerry Devlin and said

they feared he was the random

victim of a pro-British Protestant

bent on venting anti-Irisb feeling.

act for which no motive has been

established," Bill Stewart, the

with two children, was shot dead

on Friday night outside a sports

club used by Catholics. An

unidentified suspect was spotted

Tommy McTeague, a politician

in the moderate Catholic Social

Democratic and Labour Party,

running away.

city's police commander said.

"This is a callous and senseless

The man, who was married

Officials said the blast occurred as the train was about to leave the and injured 49 on an express train statioo at Trichy.

UNI said a huge crater bad been Kerala, UNI said. baggage and footwear was strewn all around.

Sniffer dogs were pressed into service and explosive experts had found burnt parts of a detonator, it

Two people died and six were injured when a bomb exploded in a Coimbatore-bound Cheran express near Thottipalayam.

Irish police probe murder of

Another blast killed four people in the southeastern state of

after the train arrived at the Thrissur railway station, UNI reported.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) said twisted metal, lunch boxes and other articles on the platform at Thrissur railway station presented a grim picture of the impact of the explosion.

Meanwhile, in Guwahati, police recovered 25 bodies yesterday,

mostly members of security forces the militants ambushed a convoy of who died when their vehicle soldiers and civilians on Friday.

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Germany probes neo-Nazi speech

BONN, Germany - The defense ministry yesterday said it was investigating an incident at the military leadership academy in Hamburg, in which a convicted oeo-Nazi gave a speech in

A ministry spokesman said officials wanted to clear up whether those responsible for inviting former attorney Manfred Roeder, knew of his neo-Nazi past.

Roeder was released from prison in 1990 after serving eight years of a 13 year sentence for arson attacks in 1980 in which two Vietnamese immigrants died. He was also convicted in 1978 for distributing neo-Nazi literature.

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Hong Kong's new leader Tung Chee-hwa tries to break bis fall as he trips on the steps on a red-carpeted stage during a ceremony yesterday to kick off voter registration for the legislative election being held in May to replace the provisional body installed by China when it took over the territory from Britain in July. He was apparently unhurt by the fall.

Russian plane crashes into Siberian apartment complex

More than 100 feared dead on plane and in town of Irkutsk

MOSCOW (AP) - A huge Russian military cargo jet crashed into an apartment building in a Siberian town seconds after taking off yesterday, killing all 46 people aboard and as many as 100 on the ground, news

reports said. The An-124 aircraft set the house and nearby buildings ablaze. According to the Interfax news agency, up to 100 residents of the building were killed and another 100 were injured following the crash.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said 23 bodies had been recovered from the apartment house by 4 p.m. Moscow time yesterday.

It said the plane leveled the apartment house and damaged an orphanage, two wooden houses, and a school. Interfax, quoting unidentified local emergency services sources, said hundreds of children were evacuated from the crash area and 13 were hospital-

The mammoth aircraft was 10 seconds into its flight after taking off from an aircraft factory airport near Irkutsk when both left

engines failed at an altitude of ment building, a local official about 70 meters, ITAR-Tass said, quoting sources close to the gov-

emment investigation. The plane was beaded from Irkutsk, about 4,200 kilometers east of Moscow, for Vladivostok. Lt.-Col. Nikolai Baranov, a Defense Ministry spokesman, said

there were 16 crew members and 30 military personnel aboard the four-engine cargo jet, commonly known as the Ruslan, when it went down. The Ruslan is one of the world's largest aircraft.

The plane barreled down a main street of Irkutsk-2, an industrial area located near Irkutsk city, spewing wreckage and bursting into flames after completely. demolishing the four-story apart-

Police and finemen were searching the debris for casualties, according to Yevgeny Kozlov, a local emergency service official speaking to Russian television

He said two other apartment houses, a school, and a shop were. damaged by fire. He said 150 children and 10 adults had been evacuated from the orphanage, also

damaged by fire.
Kozlov said the fires had been extinguished, and rescue workers were searching for casualties. Now its dark in hknisk, but the

As many as 200 geople were living in the apartment building, ITAR-IASS said.

Kozlov said said 12 people including seven children, had been taken to a hospital in Irkutsk in chical condition with burns.

The cause of the engine failure crash was not immediately known. Deputy Defense Minister Vladimir Toporov and Air Force chief Pyotr Deinekin flew to the scene of the crash, the news

President Boris Yeltsin said he was shaken by news of the crash. He ordered Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to go to irkutsk and head up the investigation into the accident, the president's press sec-

350 killed in Sri Lanka battle

By SHRI NAVARATNAM

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - More than 350 soldiers and rebels were killed and a similar number wounded Thursday in one of the fiercest battles since the military launched an offensive to capture a strategic highway, military and relief officials said Saturday.

According to the Sri Lanka Red Cross, the fighting lasted for more than nine hours and killed nearly 350 on both sides. First reports from the front reached Colombo only on Friday, and the death toll was raised Saturday.

A Sri Lankan Red Cross official said the death toll on the military side was over 250. He said around 105 rebels were killed in the

(Reuters) - US scientists said National

They said they bad uncovered

and simulated the extinct crea-

ture's deep, rumbling, whale-like or elephant-like groan using scans

of a rare dinosaur fossil and pow-

"It's kind of a sad sound and a little out of this world," said Dr.

Tom Williamson, at the New Mexico Museum of Natural

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US scientists recreate sound of dinosaurs

The official was at the town of Vavuniya, about 40 kilometers south of the battle site in the jungles of Puttur. The region, about 200 kilometers north of the capital, is barred to

The Tamil Tiger rebels in a statement issued Friday claimed to have killed 300 government troops in the battle, and to have lost 35 of their own fighters. The rebels are fighting to carve out an ethnic homeland in the north, claiming Tamils are discriminated against in predominately Sinhalese Sri Lanka.

The Defense Ministry said that 102 Tigers were killed in the battle, but gave no details of the attack. More than 300 combatants were wounded on both sides, military officials said. The fighting erupted early Thursday morning

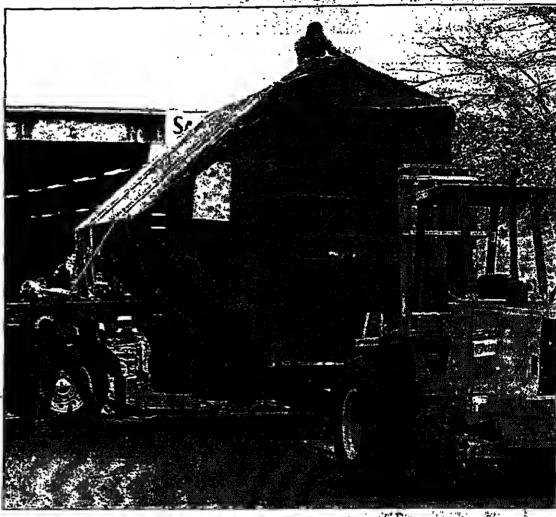
when the military launched an attack in the jungles of Puttur, in an apparent bid to destroy a rebel camp. Tigers launched a ferocious counterattack using mortars and artillery guns, the Sri Lankan Red Cross official said. More than 2,000

rebels were involved in the attack, he said. Government troops are trying to capture the last kilometers of a highway linking the southern mainland to Jaffna, the former rebel stronghold captured by government troops nearly two

More than 700 soldiers and 2,500 rebels have died since the highway campaign was launched in May, and several hundred more have been wounded, according to government figures.

The war, which erupted after anti-Tamil riots in 1983, has left more than 50,000 dead.

Alleged Unabomber's cabin arrives in Sacramento



Truck driver Bill Sprout (top) removes part of the tarp used to cover Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski's cabin after it arrived in Rancho Cordova, California, from Montana on Friday. (AP)

Beijing executes two bank robbers

At least 4,367 executed last year in China

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By simulating the fossil structure on computer, the scientists came up with a unique sound which they say is the real thing. It can be heard on the following Internet sites: www.nmmnh-abq.mus.nm.us and www.sandia.gov.

The team has applied for a copyright for the sound, "There are some commercial interests," a spokesman for the New Mexico

BEUING (AP) - Two peasants 21 entered a county branch of the who tried to rob a bank in a Industrial and Commercial Bank, who tried to rob a bank in a Beljing suburb bave been put to death by firing squads, the Beijing Evening News reported

Beijing's Higher Level People's Court approved the death sentences for Qi Guoqiang and Zhang Baoliang on Friday, and the lower court immediately carried them out, the newspaper said.

Qi and Zhang, farmers from Daxing County on Beijing's northern edge, plotted the robbery in September.

The two stole two cars for use in the robbery and then on October the newspaper said.

Zhang shot a security guard, who later died, and an alarm closed off the bank's counter, forcing the two to flee, the newspaper

Chinese leaders bave pushed for increased use of the death penalty as part of a nationwide campaign started last year to combat crime.

China executed at least 4,367 people last year - six times-the number of people put to death in the rest of the world, according to Amnesty International.

SACRAMENTO, (Reuters) - The tiny plywood shack where Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski allegedly manufactured deadly mailbombs, but which his defense lawyers see

Montana on Friday. The prosecution will begin the guilt or innocence" phase of the trial with opening arguments on

as their prize exhibit, arrived from

December 29. Kaczynski lived for more than meter cabin without electricity or running water and with only a small wood-burning stove to keep out the bitter cold of the Montana

Federal prosecutors claim the cabin was, in essence, a bomb factory where Kaczynski made explosive devices and later mailed them to unsuspecting victims. But Kaczynski's defense

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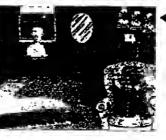
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TWA employees charged in theft of crash debris

NEW YORK (Los Angeles Times) - Authorities on Friday charged two TWA employees and a policeman-turned-author in the theft of pieces of wreckage from TWA Flight 800 which were used to underpin a theory that a missile struck the jetliner.

According to a criminal com-plaint, TWA pilot Terrell Stacey stole scraps of seat fabric from the hangar where TWA Flight 800 was being reassembled and gave it to James Sanders, a former California policeman who wrote a book claiming a missile downed the plane.

Stacey also provided Sanders with confidential documents from the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation of the July 1996 crash that killed all 230 peoole aboard the Boeing 747 aircraft, court papers stated.

Prosecutors charged that Sanders took the fabric to a laboratory for analysis, and emphasized to lab personnel his desire that the tests show the presence of

solid rocket propellant. When the tests provided no conclusive evidence of rocket fuel, Sanders misrepresented the results to the media, according to the court

Sanders's wife Elizabeth, a TWA flight attendant, also was charged in the federal complaint filed in New York.

These defendants are charged not only with committing a serious crime, they have also increased the pain already inflicted on the victims' families," said Assistant FBI Director James K. Kallstrom, who stressed, "the criminal inves-ligation is far from over."

Sanders and his wife face 10 years in prison if convicted on charges of removing and concealing parts of a plane involved in an accident. Stacey, who has been cooperating with the FBI, faces a possible year in jail if found guilty on charges of stealing government property.

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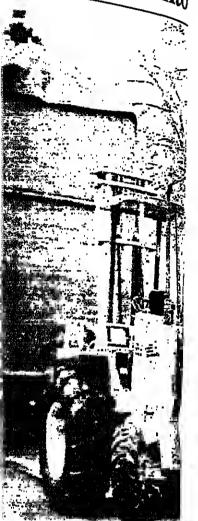
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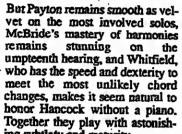
By David Isaacson

nyone laboring under the misconception that a three-piece jazz band is old hat should listen to Fingerpainting.
On this tribute to Herbie Hancock, the 25-year-old trumpeter Nicholas Payton forms a trio with wunderkind bassist Christian

McBride (24) and guitarist Mark Whitfield (30). Trumpet, acoustic bass and mostly acoustic guitar might sound like a strange configuration.

> FINGERPAINTING: THE MUSIC OF HERBIE HANCOCK McBride, Payton, Whitfield (Helicon)

> > **NEXT VOYAGE**



ing subtlety and maturity. Such is this trio's brilliance, one could almost overlook the compositions themselves. Hancock seems to have lost the plot in recent years - his recent disc I+1 is a set of very difficult duets with Wayne Shorter - but here his music is given new life. Fusion fans might disagree, but for me Hancock's finest years were in the 1960s, and the majority of this 14-



Nicholas Payton is smooth as velvet on his brilliant tribute to Herbie Hancock.

track collection reflect this.

"The Kiss" and "Jane's Theme" are taken from the landmark score to Antonioni's classic movie, Blow Up. (Some of the best jazz discs -Sonny Rollins's score to the overrated Alfie and Gato Barbieri's sound track to Last Tongo in Paris - are inspired by movies. All three of the Fingerpainting musicians feature in Robert Altman's Kansas City.) This "Kiss" is more romantic than in Blow Up, though equally slow; "Jane's Theme" recreates

music in 1966. "Sly," from Hancock's breakthrough 1973 album, Headhunters, is a powerful pacan to Seventies funk, all the more

both Antonioni's existential

images and, on a wider scale, the

optimistic, prescient aesthetic of

audacious for being played with no drummer. But more typical is "Chan's Song." Hancock wrote it with Stevie Wonder in 1985, but this version sounds as though it could have graced Blow Up.

New life for a 'Headhunter'

account of his "fast, focused sound." But on Fingerpainting, Payton creates the lonely, latenight redemptive feeling more usually associated with saxophon-

Payton is due to play at the Israel Museum on December 18 with an Israeli lineup - Jess Coren (sax), Yaron Gottfried (piano), Teddy Kling (bass) and drummer Ya'ake Levi. If Fingerpainting is anything to go by, the museum has

THE death last week of Stephane Grappelli is a reminder that there is such a thing as French jazz. But it's not much of a genre; France is better known for hosting expatriate Americans like pianist Memphis Slim and saxophonist its own sound. Philippe Saisse,

An excellent pianist, Saisse clearly has his own vision, even if he isn't sure what it is. Next Voyage sits somewhere between electronic pop and soft funk. It's lounge music of the type played in the background at a thousand yuppie dinner parties in New York in the 1980s.

For all its outstanding features -

drum machines, especially not when they're this insistent.

The Washington Post compares Dexter Gordon than for producing Payton to Louis Armstrong on

however, could only be French.

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the growling bass on a hot cover of "Moanin'," several sax solos

and, courtesy of D-Knowledge, the only vocal track, "Miracle" -Next Voyage is somewhat pretentions. This is exemplified by the track "Film Noir (Lemmy Caution mix)" which is an uncredited refcrence to Jean-Luc Godard's pseudo-intellectual 1965 movie, Alphaville. And I'll never come to terms with the artificial sound of

At least Saisse, who played keyboards on the Stones' song "Harlem Shuffle" and on Bowie's Scary Monsters album, is more interesting than Jean-Michel Jarre. And, given that many people prefer their music as an imobrusive sound in the hackground, Next Voyage could yet become a fixture in today's yuppie collections.

The sorrow of a wrecked relationship



By Emily Hauser

Tative Israelis have a thing about ponderous, depressive rock Case in point When music is under discussion. I

> DUDY LEVY Dody Levy (NMC)

ATA HAVERA SHELI ("YOU'RE MY GIRLFRIEND") Eran Zur (NMC)

have never heard a North American mention Leonard Cohen, whereas every second sabra under the age of 40 finds the man a genius.

In keeping with that tradition, cut to Dudy Levy, late of the cheery bubblegum pop group Noar Shulayim. Whatever silliness and fun that group created is well and truly gone now. Dudy

Levy today is clearly very unhapport at least he was when he sonal taste. Myself, I prefer emotion's roller-coaster, even when poet who still holds great sway of expression given to the materifirst solo effort. So far, radio stations and the Hebrew press love it.

The first 13 tracks on Dudy Levy are essentially the chronicle of emotions created in the wake of a wrecked relationship, apparently that of Levy and his ex-girlfriend, who left him and became religiously observant. Note the words to "Na Venad B'Tel Aviv" ("Moving and Shaking in Tel Aviv"): "The edge of the bed, a prayer book, surprise card in the

deck/.... Jonrney's end/ I give np/.... I think that's going too far." Later he sings "If only I could understand you." But not for Levy the screaming agony of Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder or the melodic, rocking sorrow of Bruce

Springsteen. This album has the sound, both lyrically and musically, of the jilted lover who's slumped on the floor, hasn't eaten or slept for days, and keeps mumhling to friends "but I love her." The sincerity of the writing and the excellent musicianship are what save Dudy Levy from being merely self-indulgent.

You can hear the smoky room in which the heartbreak itself resides, see the lover's tear-stained face, feel the numbed despair each of us has known at one time or another. Whether an entire alhum of this sort of unrelenting hleakness is overwhelming is a question of per-

wrote the songs to this album, his it's grief that's on the table - the over local culture 12 years after al. howl of pain as well as the paralyzed hopelessness.

> NATIVE Israelis seem also to have a real fondness for vocalists who can't sing to save their lives. Like Eran Zur.

Zur has been a highly-respected member of the left-of-center alternative rock milieu ever since his involvement with the now-defunct band Tattoo. Ato Havera Sheli ("You're My Girlfriend") is Zur's ambitious musical interpretation of a collection of poems by Yona

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her untimely death.

The seemingly mangled gramculine form for "you") is part and parcel of the Wallach poem by the same name which looks at the ways in which men are sometimes women and vice versa. And if you don't get that, you won't enjoy the

album. There is, however, plenty to enjoy here. The presence of both folk-rocky Corinne Allai and sensation dance

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Musically, this is an impressive and largely successful – attempt mar in the title ("Ata" is the mas- to find the right alchemy of oldschool rock and today's electronic dance beats. Whether or not Wallach is well-served is an open question, but I suspect that the poet herself (who was influenced hy and participated in the local development of rock 'n' roll) would have appreciated the artistic challenge inherent in putting a '90s musical spin on her decadesold words.

> Interesting as the disc may be, however, I cannot get past Zur's voice. He simply cannot sing his way ont of a paper bag, and while that doesn't seem to bother anyone in the local rock intelligentsia, it drives me crazy.

> However, not being able to sing hasn't slowed the career of, say, Boh Dylan, and perhaps Zur will one day be hailed as just as revolutionary and influential on the local scene as Dylan was on his

Zur's choice of material certainly indicates a willingness to take intelligent risks and that's always welcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: Which guest performer on Dudy Levy recently released an album on which Levy played gui-

A: Rocker Ehud Banai.

Mukat & Arkadi: Immigrants on the run

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

hen working as a free-lance director for Educational Television a couple of years back, Adi Japhet-Fuchs was sent to do a two-minute sports feature on an Ethiopian athlete and his Russian coach.

It was an unusual alliance, given that relations between Ethiopian and Russian immigrants have not always been idyllic.

Japhet-Fuchs didn't understand

a word said by either Mnkat Derba or Arkadi Sklar, who both had strong accents as well as limited Hebrew. But she was deeply impressed by their commitment to each other - and also touched hy the story of a talented young athlete who was running 20 kilometers a day in torn shoes because he was too poor to buy new ones.

As a rule, Japhet-Fuchs does not follow up on completed productions, but she was haunted by Mukat and Arkadi, two newcomers struggling together to find a niche. The she learned that Mukat had broken the record for the Israeli

10,000-meter junior marathon and was the nation's new junior champion. He was scheduled to compete in the World Junior Championship run in Sydney, but he and Arkadi would first go to a training camp in Bulgaria.

Bitten by a bug to document this new phase in Mukat's career, Japhet-Puchs decided to follow them. She started shooting in Israel, then, at her own expense, took a film crew to Bulgaria for five days.

Bulgaria was great for Mukat, who as a teenager had been sepa-rated from his family. The Balkan country's topography reminded him of Ethiopia and in some measure relieved his feelings of homesickness. The Slavie land's scenes and sounds also had a certain familiar resonance for Arkadi, who in the old country had been a successful and highly respected coach, and came to Israel after his daughter developed breathing problems after the Chernohyl

nuclear disaster. Even though she received some assistance from the Israel Cable Production Fund, Japhet-Fuchs didn't have enough money to hire a crew in Australia. But she was no stranger to the technicalside of production, and so she tonk a camera and some recording equipment and spent 12 days Down Under shooting Mukat's preparations for the race on her own.

In Angust 1996 he ran what was at that time the most important race of his life. He had been ranked 27th out of 34 runners, hui onee he got out on the track he pushed himself and took 16th

Now, more than a year later. Mukat and Arkadi are still together. "Arkadi gives every free moment he has 10 Mukat," says Japhet-Fuchs. "They love each other so much. It's like a fatherson relationship. It's charming. They are so different, yet they say they are the same. They both love running." Japher-Fuchs is reluctant to

divulge how much the documentary cost her. Suffice to say it was several thousand dollars, and from her point of view "the money



thing is easier than the energy

Screened at the Haifa Film Festival and the Tel Aviv Cinematheque, the documentary Mukat & Arkadi will have its television premiere tomorrow night at

9:30 on Channel 8. It is a film with many messages,

Mukat Derba (left) and Arkadi Sklar are 'like father and son.'

not the least of which is how much talent and creativity is in danger of being strangled by bureaucratic

red tape. Japhet-Fuchs is not sure at this stage whether it will have a sequel, but chances are that this is not the last time that we'll see Mukat and Arkadi on the run.

Acre: Taking the 'fun' out of funding

mid fanfare, Igal Ezrati and Gabi Eldor received their NIS 10,000 first-prize envelope at the Acre Festival, but the envelope was empty. They are still owed their first prize money, as well as NIS 35,000 of the NIS 80,000 they should have received from the festival for their Alley of the White Chairs. Eldor and Ezrati are not alone. All the participating the-

ater groups are owed approximately a third of the money due to them according to the contracts they signed with the festival. "We were supposed to get the NIS 35,000 at the begin-

ning of November," said Ezrati last week. The [festival management] told us to apply to the Acre Municipality and the Ministry of Education, but all we got were promises."
The festival owes NIS

913,000, according to producer Gad Oron, of which NIS 250,000 is owed to the participating theater groups. They are the people whose plays sold NIS 450,000 worth of tickets, landing the festival with a slight operating surplus for the first time in years.

That money, however, could not be used as part payment for the festival's debts to the theater artists and to the suppliers of ancillary goods and services because the festival is not an autonomous body.

The Acre Festival is run by the Israel Cultural and Arts Association (ICAA), a public trust directly responsible to the Ministry of Education, which is the festival's main source of funds. It also gets money from the Acre municipality, as well as some from institutional

Back in August, the festival was threatened with closure because, despite pious insistence to the contrary, the ministry had not transferred the necessary funds to the ICAA. It took a noisy and very public demonstration in mid-September by the artists to shame the ministry into pay-.

The ICAA has received the promised NIS 1.3 million, but we had to use some of that money on other ministry-funded projects," says ICAA gener-al manager Galit Bauerski, adding that some of this money also went to cover part of the festival's NIS 600,000 deficit from 1996.

"The ministry still owes us NIS 230,000," says festival producer Gad Oron. "The Acre municipality owes us NIS 335,000, corporate sponsors still owe us NIS 160,000 of the NIS 300,000 we were promised, the Jewish Agency says it will pay its NIS 160,000

by January 1, maybe, if they get the money."

And there are a few more thousand owed hy various bodies such as ticket organizations, Oron adds, explaining that much of this money is m implicit IOUs or deferred ehecks, such as one for NIS 120,000 from the Acre municipality due on December 20. According to Acre deputymayor Israel Lavi, the test will be paid in March 1998, a perfectly normal procedure in Israeli accounting, which was agreed upon with the ICAA.

Oron says that some of the participants in the 1996 festival got their money finally in March 1997, and there were those who had to wait until September.

The ministry and the ICAA have both issued press releases insisting that they have done all they can for the festival, and while all these regretful bureaucrats at the various offices see their paychecks regularly deposited, others are not so fortunate, whether suppliers or artists. They have had to absorb costs from their own pockets.

One actress, who gave her supermarket deferred checks in the expectation of being paid for Acre, has had her checks returned. Some malcontents threatened one of the young producers with a beating because she could not pay them for set construction. One of the directors had to return to her parents' home because she has no money to pay the rent, while another was threatened with eviction from her apart-

"It will all be paid eventually," says a thoroughly frustrated Oron, who is owed his own salary; "in the meantime, there are people with no food in the fridge. I say this at the ministry and to the Acre Municipality and they just sit there. There's nobody to talk to."

Meanwhile, for legal rea-sons, the ICAA is to be disbanded at the end of this month. Afraid that then there will literally be no one to talk to, Eldor and Ezrati have filed suit against the trust for their money and are seeking a lien on its assets.

Similarly, at least four of the other productions are filing a class action suit with the same intent. Tami Spivak, an actress in one of the plays, says that probably more of the 14 productions involved will join in.

Idit Zur, the star and author of Katarina, and one of those joining the class-action suit, is adamant that she will never again participate in the festi-

Most of the others say that only ironclad guarantees of money up front will get them

'The world's greatest piece of music'

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

There was a time when

pianist Boris Berman was known for playing a lot of contemporary music as well as some Russian works. But, he says, "the center of my repertoire was never just Russian, quite the con-trary. I recorded the entire Prokofiev piano works, so I played a lot of his music; but I never play, for example, the music of Tchaikovsky or Rachmaninoff. There are other musicians who do that better, and I feel more distant from that music." As for contemporary music, he

says, "When I was younger I did a lot more, but now I don't have as much time to learn new scores." These days Berman's time is divided between teaching at Yale, where he is the head of the piano department, and giving concerts and recitals all over the world. "T always play in Hong Kong, Thailand, Australia and New

Zealand in our summer." The last time he was in Haifa, Berman played Brahms's second piano concerto, which he deems the greatest piece of music in the world." This time he returns for the same composer's first concerto. "Even if I don't have enough opportunities for self-display in this work, it is definitely a concerto. In fact, it's an extraordinarily rewarding concerto to play even if there are fewer passages of techni-

cal bravura. "And although there is quite a long orchestral opening where the piano is not featured, once the piano enters it is the protagonist throughout. There is nothing in this concer-

to that leaves me unsatisfied." Berman elaborates that this concerto features a unique combination. "It is a work written by a young man with all his drive and energy, yet there are already signs of the resignation and bitterness

heard in his older works." Berman immigrated to Israel from his native Russia in 1973 and immediately became active in the local elassical music scene as a teacher and a performer. In 1979 he took a sabbatical from the Tel Aviv Music Academy where he was teaching and did not return to live in Israel, although he makes a point of coming here at least twice a year.

These days I'm quite selective about the engagements I accept. But I never say no to any invita-tion from Israel. It's very important for me to come here as often as I can. It just happened that in 1979 I was at Brandeis and then invited to teach at Boston University and later at Yale. One thing led to another. But because I like to teach, this is the right place for me. I believe Yale is the best place I can think of teaching, in terms of quality and level of students and the flexibility that I can have with my performing career."

Berman is also a very active

recording pianist, with more than 20 discs to his credit. And he is about to begin writing a bonk about piano playing and teaching. But within all this activity, the one thing he always looks forward to is his next trip to Israel. He loves this country and enjoys play-ing here more than he can express.

Boris Berman plays at the Haifa Auditorium December 14, 15, 17 and 18, with one concert this Saturday at the North Theater in Kiryat Haim. Estonian maestro-Arvo Volmer is on the podium leading the orchestra in Arvo Part's Fratres and Nielsen's fourth symphony

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Planet-health warning

The great divisions between the world's serious remedies for the inexorable climate North and South threatened to derail the global climate conference in Japan before it even got on to its tracks. The threat has not gone away, but halfway through the conference there are at least some mutterings of compromise coming from the energy-greedy nations of the West - primarily the United States.

The European negotiators yesterday welcomed a hint of American flexibility on how far it might be willing to go in cutting its fuel emissions under a new global warming treaty. But European nods of approval were somewhat undermined by their own uncompromising rejection of suggestions that they allow cuts on European emissions that go further than American ones. In other words, they were happy to pat the head that follows, but are not prepared to take a lead hased on their own moralizing.

There are times when the conference itself seems lost in a fog of deceit and uncontrolled verbal emissions. Most parts of the conference are highly technical and conducted in a version of United Nations English few English-speakers. let alone anyone else, can understand. This in itself, rather than the inevitable disagreements, could yet be the meeting's failure. The UN has called the climate conference the most important ever held for the future of the planet, implying that the price of failure to control dangerous pollution of the atmosphere will be ultimate catastrophe.

Yet it could come up with no more snappy a title than the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of the Parties, third session. Even abbreviated this rounds out to UNFCCC-COP-3 - hardly likely to catch the editor's eye in a husy newsroom. The meeting is known to the delegates, if to no one else, as "Cop 3." Hence this supposedly vital 10-day conference of more than 160 nations started off infected by the numbing amalgamation of environmental sciences and UN bureaucracy.

This is a fog that lends itself admirably to what the delegates have been doing - saying "no" to every possible sensible suggestion in a variety of different ways. At the start of the weekend, after nearly a week of turgid dehate, no one could say with certainty if any progress has been made. That leaves the way open for the any conference. Within 24 hours of the thousands of participants dispersing to fill the global atmosphere with more jet exhaust from their global memory if it dues not come up with some before climate treaties do the same.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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changes which seem to be the price of the march of progress.

Unlikely as such serious decisions are, the conference would be doing the world a service if it could at least come up with a global agreement on what it is talking about. Opinions expressed at the meeting so far have ranged from the naive to the apocalyptic. "No one cares about global warming - everyone likes warm weather" said a think-tank guru from Stanford University.

On paper, the 2,000 delegates are expected to mandate global cuts in the emission of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases. These trap heat in the atmosphere, shift global temperatures, raise ocean levels, and may be tending toward dangerous and unpredictable changes in the borrendously powerful but currently stable world climate system that supports life. If nothing is done. say even the cautious scientists, the planet's ecosystem will suffer irreversible damage.

All very well, say Third World delegates, for those who never thought about it while they were developing their own industries and economies, and now start preaching about the dangers. They say it is the same as the descendants of those who shot most of Asia's tigers bullying poor countries to save what's left of them. With a new economic crisis looming across Asia, it is not the most tactful time for Westerners - who still are responsible for most of the industrial emissions - to start hullying these states to clean up their industrial act.

Even in the West, businessmen will not add the huge costs of the cleanup to their hudgets unless they are sure all their competitors are being equally hurdened. Neither is there agreement over whose responsibility it is to pay for cleaning up the air everybody hreathes. It is not surprising, therefore, that the turgid conference debates resemble a multidimensional chess tournament .- and most of the players don't. know the rules. At the weekend, the idea being. discussed was for the US to take a smaller cut inemissions than Europe, up to 2010, but catch up over a longer period. This week some higherlevel officials, including US Vice President Al Gore, will descend on Kyoto to try to nail delegates' pens to a final agreement.

The final protocol will probably he no more hinding than a label on a cigarette pack planet's health." It's not much, but any start will be better than none. It took tobacco warnings 30 years to start being effective. One can only hope planes, the conference will have faded from our fragile planet has that much time to spare

Sir. - In your article on the hack Sir, - Zelda Harris, in her letter fellow pedestrians without apologizing, to blast car horns without regard for others, then we cannot claim we are a civilized society. The solution is to teach or chil-

> dren to behave as courteous and civilized people with consideration for others. Then, perhaps, in not the Scottish Premier League. the next generation we can be

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CELTIC VICTORY

page of the Jerusalem Post of December 1, you stated that Celtic defeated Dundee to hold onto third place in the Scottish Premier League.

The fact is that the game was the Scottish League Cup Final and This means that Celtic held onto third place without even

This letter comes from three

JEREMY M. DUKE-COHAN,

when those about you seem to be Tel Aviv. FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On December 7, and the Palestine Arab States were 1932. The Palestine Post reported on widespread anti-Jewish riots in Poland. More than 350 Jews were reported to have been injured in Lemberg (Lvov), many of them seriously.

"Road Safety" (November 24),

rightly points out that in spite of

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The small number of Jews employed in public works in Palestine in general, and in Jerusalem in particular, as compared with their proportion of the population was called to the attention of the House of Commons. New features like the Crossword

Puzzle and Moods and Modes were introduced to The Palestine

50 years ago: On December 7, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the British Cabinet had instructed Sir Alexander Cadogan to make the following proposals to the UN Palestine Commission: (1) Britain would surrender the Mandate for all Palestine on May 15, 1948; (2) The transition period during which the UN Commission was to install the provisional Arab and Jewish governments should last two weeks; (3) The Jewish to be proclaimed on June 1, 1948. There were severe anti-Jewish

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that you do not fully understand

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riots in Aden. There were 13 dead in clashes all along the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border. Salameh Village, on the road to Lod Airport, was the scene of the most violent flare-up. Five Jews were killed and many others injured there when British troops and police arrived and joined in the shooting, inflicting three Jewish fatalities. Shooting continued throughout the night, while a bomb was thrown from a car at an Arab cafe in the Abu Kabir quarter.

Jerusalem's Princess Mary Avenue [today Heleni Hamalka Street] remained a no-man's land with barbed-wire barriers. Many side streets were also blocked by harbed-wire fences. Five Jews and three Arabs were injured in various incidents. Arab buses were stoned on Jaffa Road after Ya'acov Cohen (23) was stabbed in the back five times near the Jaffa Gate. Registration began of all young Jewish men between the ages 17 and 25 for security and other essential services.

Two Jews were killed and one seriously injured in the Negev area. In Haifa a Jewish and an Armenian worker were killed in a midnight Arab attack on NAAFI

US arms sales to the Middle East area were discontinued while the State Department was considering steps how to protect the 10,000 Americans living in the

25 years ago: On December 7. 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that the 40th anniversary of the Post was marked by a reception attended by more than 1,000 guests, including Golda Meir, the prime minister. The celebration was held in the company's new offices in Romema.

In Lebanon the Fatah movement was reported to have placed its forces under "a virtual state of war" with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

At the UN 18 countries submitted a resolution to the General Assembly calling on all states to withhold assistance to Israel. Alexander Zvielli

It's the Mossad; they want to know if their source isn't lying.



US imperatives in the Gulf

The crisis over the expulsion of UN observers from Iraq has temporarily eased. But the way it was handled by the Clinton Administration has made another, similar, crisis highly probable. It is therefore important

to draw the appropriate lessons.

Though Saddam Hussein is often described as a madman, his strategy to loosen and nitimately overturn the restraints placed upon him by the UN inspection system is in fact quite rational. On the two occasions on which the Clinton administration used force against Iraq, it resorted to mere pinpricks. In 1993, in response to an aileged Iraqi plot against former president Bush,

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the administration announced a nighttime cruise-missile attack on an empty building in Baghdad to avoid civilian casualties. And in 1996. after Saddam virtually eliminated the leadership of the autonomous Kurdish enclave in northern Iraq, established and supported by America, the administration reacted with inconsequential raids against radar sites in the south, nearly 1,600 kilometers from the Iraqi challenge.

Having concluded that he had little to fear from American military action, Saddam saw a political opportunity when Russin and France recently blocked a weak Security Council resolution to put haby teeth into the UN inspection effort. On the hasis of this, Saddam was quite rational to conclude that the political response to challenging the UN restraints would be no more meaningful than the military one.

The administration's first reaction to Saddam's threat to expel American inspectors was to warn that the issue was non-negotiable. Yet it acquiesced in - if it did not encourage - a three-man UN mission to Iraq, an inherent invitation to comprimise.

Saddam prohably never sought the complete elimination of UN inspections, at least not in the first round. Almost certainly, his real aim was to achieve a veto over the conduct of inspections, to increase the obstacles to effective enforcement and to trigger a diplomacy that would ultimately undermine the UN effort by weakening the core of the Western coalition and encouraging n broader Russian role in the

This is why, from the very beginning, Deputy Prime Minister Tarik Aziz asked only for reducing the proportion of Americans on the inspection teams and for an easing of sanctions.

Saddam understood that any change in inspection procedures or any modification of sanctions under threat would spell success for him, undermine the confidence of the weak Gulf states, embolden Iran, the chief threat to the area, and erode American

GIVEN these stakes, the overarching American objective should have been to bring about an unconditional return to the precise inspection system that had existed when the inspectors were expelled, together with strict accounting for the diversion of prohibited material during the hiatus in inspections.

The US needed to demonstrate by action, word and nuance its determination to impose this solution, if necessary by unilateral American action together with whatever other countries would ioin us. Half-way measures were, in fact, the most dangerous because they increased the risk of prolonging the crisis and a blowHENRY KISSINGER

up under circumstances in which America rather than Saddam has become the issue.

Our reiterated commitment to multilateral action and to demonstrating a conciliatory, hence compromising, attitude ran counter to these imperatives. Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright's traveling party held out the prospect of "carrots" for Saddam - later disavowed by the White House, though the disavowal seemed to refer to the word more than to the substance. High-level leaks conveyed that

we would go along with a "restructuring" of the inspection teams to enhance "their effectiveness." Similarly, administration spokesmen stated from the first that the US, concerned about the people of Iraq, would not stand in the way of easing sanctions for humanitarian pur-

But any change in the composition of inspection teams, especially one that reduces the proportion of Americans and increases the oumber of Russian and French inspectors, would politicize the inspection process. And if we are honest with ourselves, we will recognize that humanitarian, sanctions are a contradiction in lerins.

The concept of painless sanctions reflects the illusion that a

form of international social ostracism will induce a change in Saddam's behavior - a preposterous proposition in dealing with one of the most brutal of the world's rulers. Anyway, to ease sanctions under pressure from deprive us even of credit for the "emerging Teheran-Moscow-

humanitarian motives.

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Gulf coalition to step up to the

crisis was in large part due to

doubts about America's ultimate

strategy. The various leaders, with

their finely boned sense of sur-

vival, feared that, after an ineffec-

tual American response, they

would be left alone with a radical

Iraq and, later on, with an even

They have probably been hop-ing in private that Washington

not pay attention to their public

reluctance to support strong

The clear lesson of the Gulf War

is that multilateral coalitions

come together when America

leaves no doubt about its determi-

nation to act alone if it must; other

nations can then affect events

Arab foot-dragging on the alleged intransigence of Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu, it danger-

ously confused this issue. I know

no state of the erstwhile Gulf

coalition that would encourage

Iraqi domination of the Gulf to

vindicate the Palestinian cause -

especially when most have expelled Palestinians from their

But countries which were never

part of the Gulf coalition may glee-

fully use this excuse to increase

pressure on an Israel in open conflict with its principal ally. Unwilling to face down Saddam,

our diplomacy turned to countries

like France and Russia that, having

opposed our policy in the Security

Council, were assumed to have a

For this, we paid in two ways:

any compromise would vindicate

Saddam's goal of making sanc-

tions the issue rather than his

transgressions; and it would

establish opponents of our poli-

cies as permanent advocates of

In the follow-on UN diploma-

cy. Russia has proposed that the

inspection agency be assigned

five deputy chairmen, one from

standing as mediators.

countries.

When the administration blamed

only by joining the coalition.

each of the permanent members of the Security Council, and that the books on nuclear inspections be closed. This would transfer the deadlocks of the United Nations to the inspection appara-

And France has continued to speak of showing Saddam a light at the end of the tunnel - a euphemism for rewarding intran-

It is certainly important to explore the ntility of the muchinvoked strategic partnership with the new Russia. But not if we encourage it to act as the lawyer of Saddam or to pursue the same policies as those of the old Russia. The conduct of France raises a

more long-range challenge. As Europe adopts a common currency, common political institutions are likely to follow. And there are two schools of thought on how North Atlantic relations should evolve thereafter: France's, which insists on bringing about a European identity by distinguishing its policy from America's; or Britain's, which seeks to develop a common policy through cooperation and consensus - as it demonstrated by its support of the United States throughout the cri-

It is in the American interest and in the interest of the future of the North Atlantic alliance that the cooperative approach prevail. But the diplomacy of the administration has in effect rewarded France for a policy described in the Nov. 2 issues of Etelaat, an official newspaper of the Iranian Saddam and Russia would Islamic regime, which praised

Paris axis "as a bulwark against

THE administration's crisis man-

agement machinery in this, its

first real crisis, gives rise to con-

cern. To compel an imconditional withdrawal hy Saddam, it was

necessary for the United States to

look ominous. But in the critical

week, President Clinton was on

the West Coast, National Security

Advisor Samuel R. Berger in

Washington, the secretary of state

first in a minor Gulf state and then

in Pakistan and India, and UN

Amhassador Bill Richardson in

The dispersal of key personnel made military action extremely

implausible, thus dissipating the

diplomatic impact of the rapid.

efficient and professional deploy-

And with the various spokes-

men briefing from scattered loca-tions, the administration's public

position lacked coherence. To be

sure, modern means of communi-

cation enable even far-flung poli-

cymakers to make major deci-

sions. But long-range messages cannot substitute for a systematic

Had all policymakers met regular-

ly, backed by adequate staff work,

the following issues might well

have been raised, perhaps modify-

washy UN resolution hanning

travel by Iraqi officials impeding

the inspection process - who were

bardly likely to go abroad - sig-

naled indecision rather than deter-

mination. The American reluc-

tance to put forward a stronger

resolution was explained by the

desire to avoid multiple vetoes.

But would Russia really have

vetoed in the midst of its financial

crisis, China so soon after the

Jiang Zemin visit and France

- The crisis ended with only four of the six expelled American

inspectors returning to Baghdad.

Did this not appear as yielding to

precisely what Saddam demand-

when the chips were down?

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ing some of the key decisions:

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- The foreign ministers of the permanent members of the Security Council met at 2 a.m. in Geneva to end the crisis. This obliged the secretary of state to cut short a visit to India to accommodate Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's scheduled trip to Latin America. Did this not convey loss of mastery over the process and excessive eagerness?

I criticize with regret an administration whose policies on China, NATO expansion and Fast Track trade negotiations I have supported. Its past record of learning from experience leads me to hope that the situation is still remedia-

When the administration blamed Arab footdragging on the alleged intransigence of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, it dangerously confused this issue

hle, especially since, in all likelihood, we have witnessed only the first stage of a longer crisis.

The United States faces two imperatives: defining a policy to deal with the immediate simation; and devising a long-range strategy for the Gulf. With respect to the immediate situation, any modification of the inspection system or easing of sanctions undermines the longterm ability of the United States to protect the Gnlf. The United States should therefore reverse the Geneva "compromise," hy which the inspectors returned to Baghdad in exchange for a diplomatic process to review the composition of the inspection teams and an easing of the food-for-oil sanction.

Specifically: We should stick to the proposition that only the Security Council can change the structure, mission or composition of UN inspection teams, and we should use our veto against any such attempt.

- We should refuse any modification in the food-for-oil program until the inspectors have had nnimpeded access for at least four months to all sites, including the so-called presidential sites - Saddam's alleged residences, from which they are still barred. - We should prepare for mili-

tary action to exact full compliance with inspection procedures. These should be designed to deprive Saddam of the chief elements of his military structure. The present crisis is the result of years of drift during which the question of our ultimate purposes was deferred while the basis for the existing policy was erod-

A coherent long-range strategy for the Gulf must be devised urgently to deal with some questions admittedly not easily answered: Can dual containment - the policy of basing Gulf policy on simultaneous opposition to Iran and Iraq – work?

What other countries must be

involved? What is the role of Turkey and how is its role in the Gulf to be related to other Turkish priorities? And if the policy is to be modified, toward which country, by what methods and to what end - always keeping in mind that after all that has passed between Saddam and the United States, a settlement with him is impossible for the US in the foreseeable future?

How do we deal with Russia so that it cannot combine the phraseology of strategic partnership with the reality of an adversarial relationship? How can we rally our allies to a common course and give them a sense of participation in defining it?

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Pablo Picasso: 'Man and Woman,' oils, 1968, to be sold by Sotheby's London tomorrow with an estimate of £1m.-£1.5m.

A Holocaust love story

even tales of romance emerge from auctions of personal effects. A case in point is the archive of Edith Hahn, an Israeli whor survived inside Hitler's Germany, offered by Sotheby's Londoo at its sale of Continental Books and Manuscripts this weekend (with

an estimate of £15,000-£20,000). The letters and documents tell the remarkable story of bow this Jewish woman survived in the Third Reich, part of the time with a false identity, thanks to sympathetic Nazis and the love of two men, one of wbom was a Nazi party member. The archive was offcred by Hahn's daughter,

Hahn, born in Vienna in 1914, was a doctoral candidate at the University of Vienna when she fell in love with fellow law student Joseph "Pcpi" Roseofeld. Her bopes of becoming a judge were dashed by the Anschluss, as the Nuremberg racial laws denied the brilliant Hahn (who had an IQ of 140) the chance of completing her doctorate. Hundreds of items of the Hahn-Rosenfeld wartime correspondence form a large part

In 1941 Hahn and her mother were sent to a slave labor camp at a farm near Berlio and later to a factory in Leipzig. The cardboard carton plant was run by an inexperieoced Nazi woman named Maria Niederall, who had been trained for the job by a young Jewish friend of Hahn's. This young girl and Hahn's mother were soon sent to their deaths at

Auschwitz. Hahn managed to escape to Vienna but had no papers oor a place to stay. Rosenfeld's mother refused to take her in, but he helped with food and fly-by-night lodgings. The hunted and hungry Hahn turned in desperation to Niederall who, perhaps because she had the deportation of the young Jewish plant manager on her conscience, called a friend in the Department of Racial Affairs named Johannes Plattner and

asked him to help. Hahn, though terrified, went to see Plattner and was shocked to find him wearing an SA officer's uniform. However, he told ber she was in luck; it was his last day at his job as he was being posted to North Africa. Plattner, fully aware that Hahn was Jewish, explained to her bow to obtain papers in an Aryan friend's name and then register domicile in a different gau, or

Hahn, who did not look Jewish,



Clande Monet: detail of 'The Boardwalk of Trouville,' oils, 1870, to be sold at Christie's London December 9, with an estimate of £4m.-£5m.

became Christine Denner, thanks to a young Aryan friend who risked her life hy going to the police and telling them that she had lost all her papers in a boating accident. Armed with the spare set of papers, Hahn left for Munich, trained as a nurse and attended Nazi indoctrinatioo sessioos. There she met a handsome party member, Werner Vetter. When he

proposed and persisted, she admitted to him she was Jewish.
Vetter was undergreed. Hahn
wrote again to Rosenfeld. She
could never jeturn to Vienna and endanger the real Christine Deoner and, as the distraught Rosenfeld would not leave his he did, there seemed no hope for

them. Hahn married Vetter. Their daughter Angela was born in Brandenberg in 1944, probably the only Jewish child delivered in a German bospital that year. Vetter was sent to the Russian froot, where he was takeo prisoner. By the time he returned after the war, Hahn, no longer Denner, had her doctorate and was a judge. Their

world had changed; they divorced. The Russians asked Hahn to become a judge at the Brandenhurg trials. Not trusting

them any more than the Nazis, she

AT THE AUCTIONS

BY MEIR RONNEN

agreed but instead fled to Londoo with ber daughter. In 1957 she married another refugee from Vienna, Fred Beer When he died in 1984, she moved to Israel.

The following year the real Christine Denner was decorated for bravery as a Righteous Gentile. And Rosenfeld? Edith's only true love married after his mother died in 1950. Hahn and her husband, Fred, had visited Vienna to see Rosenfeld and his correspondence and her mother's

personal papers. Angela, Hahn's daughter, an artist trained at the Royal College, married a German and lived in Germany until 1995, when they divorced. Werner Vetter is still alive in Germany. Hahn, now 83, is still io Israel. Her papers and her love story could make a film. We hope to be able to tell you what bappened to ber papers in our ocxt column.

SOTHEBY'S TEL AVIV, which is in the throes of moving to its new premises and its own auction rooms in a renovated historic building at 46 Rothschild Boulevard (tel. [03] 560-1666, from December 8), is looking for variety of items to offer at its March sale,

To mark Israel's 50th year - and to addition to works by local and ioternational modernists Sothehy's is looking for early Bezalel objects, historic documents, photographs, posters, trav-el books and even toys from the early days of the Yishuv, as well as bistoric maps of the area. Judaica and historic Jewish grapbics are also in demand.

Submissions should be made by

CHRISTIE'S GENEVA has sold a silver and silver-gilt Torah Ark for \$517,320 to a European collector, nearly 10 times its estimate. Made by Johann Cristoph Muller in Breslau between 1746-58, it once belonged to the Rothschild family. A 1787 Genoese silver soup tureen went for a staggering \$160,920, and a Louis XV sonp tureen brought \$145,000. Total of this European silver sale was \$1.85m.

A DIEGO RIVERA still life from 1916 brought a standing ovation



Heinrich Campendonk: 'Composition with Horses,' oils, 1914, offered with an estimate of £400,000-£600,000 at Sotheby's London sale of German and Austrian Art tomorrow and Tuesday.

when it sold for \$1.1m. at Sotheby's Latin American sale in New York. Total for the evening was over \$10m. In another Sotheby's New York sale of French furniture and decorations, an array of Louis XV items from the estate of Mrs. Charles Allen went for \$2.2m., while three other lots went for a total of \$1m. The sale amounted to \$11.7m.

Herald Tribune claimed recently that Christie's had separated its 19th and 20th century sales of paintings because" "sources for good 19th ceotary and impressionist works were drying up. Nothing could be further from the truth. Christie's London two-part sale of bundreds of impressionist and modern paintings this coming проглаві works by Monct, Cezanne, Pissarro, Renoir, Lautrec, Dufy, Rouault, Vuillard and Vlaminck, Picasso, Magritte and many oth-

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Of particular oote is a small but lively early Monet from 1870 of the boardwalk and beachfront at Trouville, painted in a free and truly impressionist manner. Not seen in public for over a century, it is one of the best of Monet's Trouville pictures painted that

summer. It is done in the same

style as the two ladies on the

Trouville beach painted by Monet,

on view at London's National Gallery. Despite its small size, I predict it will top its best estimate of £5m_ (\$8m.)

The moderns in this sale look particularly fine, A small neo-classic head by Picasso will reach £0.5m., and a superb wartime portrait of his lover Dora Maar is expected to reach £3m. An amusing late Picasso of a painter with his brushes and palette, made in 1965, should reach £400,000.

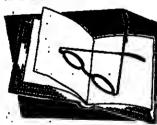
The best Ben Nicholson to come oo the market in years, painted in a De Still-like configuration in 1938, has a top estimate of £180,000. A rare Fanvist Emil Nolde from 1906, the heyday of the movement, of a woman sewing, is a superb oil and should make its hest estimate of £250,000.

SOTHEBY'S LONDON sale of impressionist and modern art follows on December 8 and is also replete with amazing offers, albeit expensive ones. A Matisse tabletop still life has a top estimate of £4m., and an eronc Picasso oil of a man and woman from 1968 will likely exceed its best estimate of £1.5m. More about this sale later.

TIROCHE OF Herzliya is holding a two-session sale of Israeli art oo December 13 hut hasn't sent us any details or a catalog. They can be reached at (09) 950-9893.

A tough granny's memoir

Book Review



If Paul Reiser can earn a \$5 million advance for writing about babies and Whoopi Goldberg's memoirs are worth \$6 million, should we begrudge Jessie Lee Brown Foveaux \$1 million for her life story?

Foveaux, you may recall, is the 98-year-old great-great-grand-mother who became a millionaire earlier this year when Warner Books bought the manuscript she wrote for her grandchildren 18 years ago in a senior-citizen writ-

ing class.
Now you may think there is something distorted about a simple Kansas woman who never had much except old-fashioned values winning the publishing lottery because some overheated New York publishers consider Jessie Lee to be the Genuine Article. Her bomespun memoir became hot property in March, after the Wall Street Journal ran a front-page story on her writing class.

I like the idea of Jessie Lee one day distributing her earnings to her surviving children, her 16 grandchildren, her 24 great-grand-children and her five great-great-

grandchildren. That's assuming Granny, as she's called by her vast family, decides to leave them anything. She's been living io the same small wood-frame bouse in Manhattan, Kansas, sioce 1923

'Any Given Day' won't threaten 'The Grapes of Wrath' as a classic of American literature. But author Jessie Lee Brown Foveaux has an attitude some of today's whining memoir writers could learn from, writes Jocelyn McClurg

and nothing's changed since Manhattan, New York, came calling with a big cbeck.

.. "I am oot sorry that I don't have a lot of money to leave you. That makes too many problems," Jessie Lee writes in Any Given Day: The Life and Times af Jessie Lee Brown Foveaux (Warner Books, \$19.95), which has just been pub-

Whatever Foveaux decides to do with the money she's come into since she wrote those words, a more pressing issue for Warner Books is whether they have the best-seller on their hands they think they do.

Memoirs are hot, but this is not your conventional dysfunctional autobiography by a 20- or 30-something-year-old who's barely lived but has already accumulated a lifetime's worth of angst and

l began Any Given Day with pleoty of skepticism, and, to be perfectly honest, Foveaux's 287page life story didn't begin to grah me until Chapter 68, page 151, year 1919. Some readers may not

make it this far. Up until World War 1, Any Given Day is a hlandly written period

piece, as young Jessie Lee goes to school ("School was fun"), does chores (churning butter, scrubbing clothes on a washboard) and dutifully loves her mother and father. But by World War I her sunny

life takes a dark turn, and becomes interesting to the reader. Her fiance, a young doctor, dies after being gassed io the war. Her beloved mother dies the same

But the worst is yet to come. Jessie Lee marries a young man she doesn't love, a war veteran named Bill Foveaux. She's heard that he's a drinker, but when she asks him about it, be says, "I don't need it, and will leave it alone." For a while - children one through three - he's true to his word.

But by the time Jessie Lee is giving birth to her fourth child. Bill has begun hanging out at the American Legion and coming home drunk. At first Jessie Lee believes his

a person under the influence of alcohol," she writes. Soon she's an expert on the subject. Bill keeps moving his family and losing jobs. They have eight

friends, who tell her Bill ate some-

thing bad. "Now I had never seen

children, and Jessie Lee becomes increasingly depressed, not caring whether she or ber new babies live or dic.

"I wasn't a wife, I was a darned slave with no pay. I became so full of hate for that husband of mine, only God above kept me from killing him. I know I wanted to."

A turning point comes when an old [malc] friend stops by and encourages her to take back her life. "Why don't you get up and start fighting for your rights? ... Where is the old gal we used to know?" he asks. When Jessie Lee finally gets a divorce, you want to cheer. But she refuses to be hitter. If she were it's doubtful she would

be alive at 98. "We cannot hate another human being and be happy with our-selves," Jessie Lee concludes.

Any Given Day won't threaten The Grapes of Wrath as a classic of American literature. But it's a slice of Midwestern Americana that recalls the hardsbips our grandparents and great-grandparents often endured - life-threatening illnesses, the (too-common) deaths of children and family problems (like alcoholism) that still lurk behind closed

But what's charming about Jessie Lee Brown Foveaux's tale is her attitude. "Just remember nothing is ever so bad it couldn't be worse. Most of my troubles have been my own faolt. ... Anyway, I can't think of anyone I would change places with if I could. In looking over my years, I think I have had a very rewarding life and hope you all may be as content and happy as 1 am in my

twilight years." Some of today's memoir whiners, I mean writers, could use a dose of Jessie Lee.

(The Hartford Courant)

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

nyone who saw the television coverage of the Ethiopian famine in 1987 will ever forget the stark images of starving children, devastated communities, and hopelessness. It is very difficult, therefore, to superimpose upon this memory the scene that is now a reality in Ethiopia. In the space of just a decade, Ethiopia has transformed itself, in the words of one observer, "from a hasket case to a hread

In the 10 years since that terrible famine, grain production in Ethiopia bas more than doubled. This is due to increased rainfall. modern use of irrigation and ferolizers, and soil-saving agricultural practices. The result is that Ethiopia is producing so much grain that even after exporting snrpluses to Kenya and other neighboring states, there is still enough to cause a grain glut and a price slump. The European Union has agreed to purchase 144,000; tons of surplus grain – that is, 7 per cent of total grain production this year. The EU will use this grain for charitable purposes both within and outside Ethiopia, supplying grain to those too poor to

Last year, Ethiopia produced 11 million tons of grain, making it one of the leading grain producers in Africa. But agronomic planners feel that much more can and should come out of this ancient soil. They believe that within the

Ethiopia: from basket case to bread basket

next three to five years, Ethiopia could become the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to experience

a hroad-ranging green revolutioo. To accomplish this, the agronomists want to expand the use of fertilizers, since only one in five of the poorer farmers can afford the expensive commercial ones. They also want to achieve greater crop diversity. Up until now, most of the grain produced in Ethiopia has been maize (com) and the planners would like to see the farmers grow more wheat, barley and especially tef, the local tradioonal grain staple that is highly nutritious and naturally drought resistant. Tef, however, has one basic problem. It has a weak stem and can barely support a head of grain when unfertilized. But then again, with fertilizer, the heads double their weight in grain content and the stems, too weak to support the mass, collapse and

There are two possible solutions to this problem. One is to apply a hormone to the young tef in the field, which results in a stronger stem. The second is to transplant a strong stem gene from another plant, such as strains of wheat, into the tef seeds. Both possibili-

ties are being studied. Wheat crops are less problematic because oewer byhrid strains of drought-resistant wheat are showing great promise, with yields tripling. Essential to this are new agricultural techniques that raise the soil beds, prevent flooding in severe rainstorms, and hold moisture better in dry seasons. No matter what the next three years show, whether the agronomists' dreams will become reality or not, one thing remains clear. Ethiopia is no longer the land of

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ISRAEL is more than a few pages

UseNet: The ultimate bulletin board in cyberspace

By LOU DOLINAR

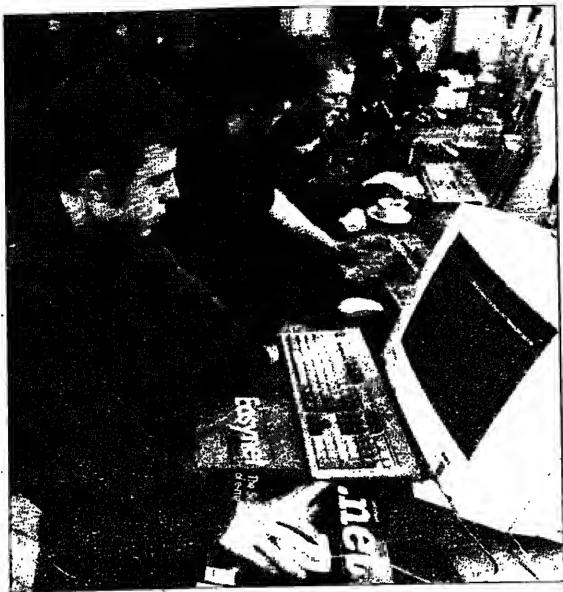
Think of them as the electronic equivalent of the office water cooler or the coffee machine - a place to hang out and gossip with others. Only in this case, there are a few million people, all shouting at the same time.

Intimate, raucous and just plain weird. UseNet newsgroups, as they're called, are not for the kind of news that fills the daily papers. Rather, newsgroups represent a true "vox populi," a forum for the exchange of ideas on just about every topic imaginable. The good news about UseNet is that it allows you to broadcast your opinions to the millions of sophisticated computer users around the world. The bad news is that you have to listen to the rest of the world tell you why your opinions are ridiculous, naive and wrong.

Not too surprisingly, there's a fair amount of Internel lore devoted to explaining to newbies bow not to look like idiots on UseNet. You can have this kind of dialogue on everything from computers to sex to sport. At last count, there were more than 20,000 such lopics, or individual newsgroups. For a good sampling, take a look http://www.eskimo.com,

which has a plain-English description of many of these oewsgroups; it's a hig file, so don't be surprised if your browser chokes.

Newsgroups are organized in a hierarchy, with each main category starting out in one of 12 ways: all (alternative newsgroups, including the sexually oriented ones), bit (mailing lists), biz (advertisements for businesses), clarinet (subscription-only news clippings), comp (computers, not surprisingly the higgest and most useful), k12 (educational, kindergarten through grade 12), misc. (miscellaneous), news (not newsnews, but news about UseNet), rec (recreational, sports, hobbies, music games), sci (applied sciences), soc (social and cultural lopics) and lalk (discussion of controversial subjects). The



The problem with broadcasting your opinions to millions around the world is that you have to listen to everyone tell you your opinions are ridiculous.

screwy that it often makes more sense to use a search engine to look up subjects on UseNet that

Note that you don't have to post stuff on UseNet to get a lot of use out of it. You can just read the groups that interest you (a process called lurking), or you can look up what other people have said. For example, if you're looking for information on troubleshooting a particular brand of particular group. Most newssound card, odds are that someone else has the same problem and has written about it in a discussion group. Deja News and Alta Vista let you wade through these millions of dialogues for the information that specifically interests you.

The other reference function of UseNet is the FAQ, or Frequently Asked Questions, which represents the collective memory of the

groups have one or more FAQs associated with them. The purpose of the FAQ is to let newcomers get up to speed without wasting everyone else's time asking the same old questions over and over.

If you plan to participate (as opposed to just "lurk") in a newsgroup, you should find and review its various FAQs first. Even if you aren't participating, FAQs -

which can be book-length - have scads of useful information, particularly about computers. You can get a list of UseNet FAQs at http://www.bookcase.com/library /faq/by-title.html.

HOW DOES UseNet work? You can think of it as a bulletin board where you post messages and e-mails for others to read. Every Internet provider has a news server, which receives feeds from

other news servers, automatically duplicating contents across thousands of servers on the Internet. On the receiving side, your service provider decides which of the thousands of groups to carry and which to filter out, such as the more grotesquely pomographic groups devoted to sex.

You decide which of those groups you wish to subscribe to. Just use your Web browser's news reader to look at the contents of the group you've selected. On the sending side, your news reader also lets you post messages to the group in reply to a specific mes-sage, which in turn is spawned across the entire Net. Messages that make up a series of replies to the same subject are called a thread, and your news reader can sort these to-and-fros into a coherent string.

There are two kinds of newsgroups: moderated and unmoderated. The unmoderated ones are a free-for-all. Anything that's sent into them is automatically passed on to all subscribers. You'll tend to have to wade though tons of nonsense on one of these to find anything interesting. Moderated groups, on the other hand, have one or more buman beings in charge of filtering out irrelevant or erroneous posts, petty bickering, abusiveness and profanity.

Newsgroups are what I like to think of as the old Internet, the one that existed before the megacorporations moved in and took over. As such, they reflect the graduate student, hard sciences and free information for the people. While some ontfits like Deja News are making money off UseNet, there are still many dedicated volunteers who manage to

earthquakes from space



tem (GPS) stations around Israel will use satellites to monitor movements of tectonic plates under the Jordan Rift and assess the risk of earthquakes in

this high-risk region. GPS was developed by the US Defense Department to provide three-dimensional images of what is happening under the earth's surface, via satellite.

The five statioos will be built in the Golan, Galilee, the Gilhoa region, in Mitzpe Ramon and in the western Negev, joining the existing 80 stations forming a GPS network around the world.

The three-year project for building GPS infrastructure for geophysical applications was launched by the geophysics and planetary sciences department of Tel Aviv University, San Diego's Scripps Oceanographic Institute, and the Israel Geological Institute, with funding from the Science Ministry's Israel Space Agency and

the Israel Mapping Center. The antennae will receive signals from 24 Defense Department satellites, which are 20,000 kilooteters above earth. At any one time, signals from four of them can be monitored and "sampled" every 30 seconds, says Dr. Shimon Vadovinsky, the TAU geophysicist who is chief researcher of the local project. He adds that there are plans for Jordan to huilt GPS stations soon to monitor underground movements from the other side of the

Jordan and Dead Sea. Movement of tectonic plates deep below the surface of the earth causes energy to be released, and this can trigger earthquakes. The last major quake in the area, in November 1995, caused serious damage in Eilat. The data will have major implications on building standards, planning for Dead Sea hotel construction and property

insurance rates, says Vadovinsky. Eventually, the information will also be used for weather prediction in real time, since GPS signals are affected by the movement of moisture in the atmosphere.

BEST' WEB HOOKUP The two best Internet providers

in Israel are Internet Zahav (for business clients) and Actcom (for home users), according to Obvektivi. magazine.

The two were compared with NetVision, Infolink and Shani, the other major providers in the country. They were ranked according to price, percentage of disconnections, speed of data transmission and access to and quality of technical support. Smaller providers were not examined. The magazine also advised

Internet customers to choose a provider whose local phone num-ber is oot only in their area code, but also in their dialing area, of which there are 30 around the country, 16 of them in the (03) Tel Aviv region. If the provider is in a different dialing area, one will be charged more for Net connections. Ask a potential Internet provider for this informatioo.

CIVIL SERVICE AT YOUR SERVICE

The Civil Service Commission has launched its own Internet site with a wide variety of information for state employees and the general public. The site, at http://www.civil-service.gov.il, lists in detail all public tenders for vacant state positions, gives information oo the rights and responsibilities of government employees and provides a dictionary of concepts used in civil service matters.

The Web site will soon include the entire collection of civil service regulatioos (known in Hebrew as the takshir). During its running-in period, the site managers are asking for comments

THE DEMOCRATIC NET

The Internet era will improve the political process in Israel, according to Science Minister Michael Eitan. Lecturing at the Oracle Technologies Week event in Tel Aviv recently, Eitan said that while preparing the last Likud Party convention he discovered that there were cases in which information was withheld about the number of delegates certain party branches

were entitled to send. "This would have been impossible if information technology were implemented listing on the Internet an updated list of all settlements and delegates. This technology would create a much

stronger democracy," he said.
Information "should not be the property of the authorities, bot of the citizenry - except for security information, matters of privacy and legal matters," Eitan

Watching for Life on Mir space station: Something to e-mail your friends back home about

nyone who thinks life in space is glamorous should speak to David Wolf, a US astronaut on the orbiting Russian Mir space station, who has a load of chores that includes cleaning the toilet and scrubbing fluff from air filters.

Because the crews before his were so busy dealing with a fire, a crash and other mishaps, "it's now up to us to return this remarkable ship into top shape, he wrote to friends on Earth via e-mail. (Wolf's letters from space are published occasionally in The Jerusalem Post.)

"Unfortunately for me, that means things like organizing and cleaning - tasks my mother can attest to that I didn't always excel at back on earth," he wrote. "But she sure would be proud of me now. I spent most of today in the bathroom, organizing and cleaning it, not using it."

Wolf joined the 11-year-old space station in late September after a summer during which Mir collided with a cargo re-supply ship and then suffered a series of mechanical failures. The US space agency NASA delayed its decision on whether it was safe for Wolf to fly notil just bours before his departure.

Since arriving, Wolf, a 41-yearold medical doctor and researcher, has takeo part in experiments and repairs to the station, which Russia hopes to keep in orbit until early 1999. He bas also written a series of email letters home, distinctive for their sense of humor, boyish enthusiasm and self-deprecating

Micro-gravity can be a very difficult, even frustrating, place to work, but it can also be fun, he

"The work days are long but there really isn't anywhere else much to go." In many of his let-ters, Wolf expresses admiration for Mir, warts and all. "Its overall character brings

forth the image of the 'time machine' from H.G. Wells's clas-Inside, one finds many odd relics of missions past, he says. "Signatures and instruction placards written by the bands of over a decade of cosmonauts...Tables with things on both sides. A bicy-

cle with no seat. A set of heavy

tools held in place by rubber bands," he wrote. He also marvels at Mir's life



US astronaut David Wolf says life on the orbiting Mir space station can be distinctly unglamorous, with a load of chores that includes cleaning the tollet and scrubbing fluff from air filters. (Reuters)

support systems, which recycle urine and sweat into air and water. "The water is really evaporatively purified urine, produced by the adjacent urine reclamation system. The toilet, of course, would then

be directly across the aisle. But maintaining systems such as the Elektron oxygen generator require labor befitting a space janitor.

"Here I carefully pump out the grapefruit size wobbling globes of water," he wrote. "A clumsy move seods water scatteriog in

all directious. This chore generally serves as a morning shower." Like the previous American astronaut on Mir, Wolf also lost

his bedroom, in his case after a leak developed in the Kvant-2 hatch next to his cabin. Wolf now says he sleeps near a

crammed storage area of the Kristall module, where he found himself a bit disoriented after waking up on the ceiling one morning.

Pushed a space shuttle-delivered water bag away from my face. Fumbled in the blackness of the night side for that spot of Velcro bolding my mini-maglite." he described. "Floated out of the marginally tethered sleeping bag and banged my head on the helmet of a ragged old spacesuit.

long since cannibalized for parts." Named NASA's inventor of the year in 1992, Wolf also describes feeling a wide array of emotions, including the moment when the US space shuttle undocked from Mir, leaving him behind for bis

four-month mission. "I remember the place I last felt

this: I was 10 years old, as my parents' station wagon pulled away from my first in southern Indiana," he wrote.

"That satisfying thrill that something new is going to bappen, and we don't know what it is yet." Even though earth is as close as a half-day journey by the Soyuz escape capsule, Wolf says home seems very far away. Earth seems a hit dream-like these days. As we are connected only by crackling voices on the radio and the photographs

> Since arriving in Mir. David Wolf has written a series of letters distinctive for their sense of humor and self-deprecating style.

brought along and our memories," he wrote.

He also describes times of boredom, such as when his two Russian crewmates made a space walk while be waited in the

Soyuz capsule. "I opened up the package of macadamia nuts I brought with me and sat there locked tight for almost eight bours. I learned an invaluable lesson. Next time, I

will bring a good book." Another space lesson: life without gravity is oot as easy as it looks.

"Apparently it takes longer than three weeks to get totally used to no gravity," he wrote in October. am still trying to figure out how not to become upside down when putting my pants on. Don't worry, though. I have plenty of

time to figure it out." Life in outer space can also appear dream-like and cinematic, Wolf explained as he related being left in charge during another space walk, when he thought of Captain Kirk, hero of Star Trek.

"I felt like the kid in Home Alone as I assumed Tolya's usual posture at the central command post, the cockpit. Or was it Kirk's position? Dream and reality run so close here."

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Should fertility treatment be regulated? The case of the McCaugheys has intensified the

Septuplets spark concerns about fertility treatments

the unprecedented hirth of septuplets in lowa has sparked intense criticism from ethicists and doctors, with several warning that fertility treatments are being used indiscriminately and irresponsibly at great medical risk to women and their offspring and at growing expense to the general public.

So far, all seveo childreo bom in Iowa to Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey are doing well. But multiple births beyond triplets usually are characterized by some degree of physical or cognitive disability, critics said, and in most cases they can and ought

to be avoided. Katherine Hauser, the fertility doctor who worked with the McCaugheys, has defended her care, saying she used the same dose of a fertility drug she had used with the couple two years earlier. In that instance, the drug led to the bigh of a spigle daughter. But for reasons that remain unclear, she says, "in this cycle we achieved more success

than we could ever hope for." Critics, bowever, said they were unsatisfied with that explanation. They claim that wheo the McCaugheys' doctors saw that their fertility treatment had led to the maturation of about three times the expected number of eggs, the prudent move would have been to withhold addition of the husband's sperm and try in another month or two, when a more modest number of eggs

"Here we had a nice ending." said Mark Sauer, chief of reproductive endocrioology at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. "However, if she had died or the babies had lifelong problems with cerebral palsy or some other complications, it would bave been a nightmare. Even oow, with the poten-

were produced.

tial for psychosocial problems, it may still become a nightmare. And society certainly has the right to ask why did this happen and were there alternatives."

ROGER KEMPERS, medical director of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in Birmingham, Alabama, says the society's guidelines call for doctors to avoid large-scale multiple births.

One problem is that ovarian overstimulation can cause swelling and bleeding of the ovaries and severe fluid retention that can lead in rare cases to beart failure.

Women carrying multiple fetuses also are at risk of potentially fatal blood clots and other complications during pregnancy and delivery, and the children often require expensive followup care for years.

Kempers says Germany recently passed legislation prohibiting doctors from using a common fertility technique to create more than three offspring per mother. But he said there are many ways to avoid multiple births without legislation or having to resort to aborting one or several of the fetuses - an option the McCaugheys said they opposed

on religious grounds. We think it's better if we can self-regulate this than having the federal government coming in,"

Kempers adds. Other experts said they were concerned that if fertility specialists do not rein themselves in, their credibility as advocates for their patients will plummet and the profession might find itself the subject of congression-

al attention. "By and large, infertility treatment in the US has grown up as an entrepreneurial field rather than as a scientific field, so many of the things doctors are doing in the way of fertility treatments

have not met the same standards of scientific scruiny that we think," says Thomas Murray, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at Case Western Reserve University.

Murray was gratified the McCaughey children are doing well, however, and does not begrudge the parents' decision to carry all seven fetuses to term. Sauer said it would have been obvious that McCaughey's

ovaries had overreacted to the drug used to sumulate an infertile woman's ovaries. "She must have had a dozen or more eggs going, and if she were being monitored correctly. they had to know she was grossly overstimulated before she got

it," he said. "That's not even a borderline call; it's a cavalier decision to give a woman like that a shot of this drug. If we see more than four or five, we cancel those cycles."

Cancelling a treatment cycle, hewever means the patient is cost several thousand dollars and sometimes women insist on going forward.

"There's a tremendous pressure to deliver the goods, but doctors o draw the line. said. Otherwise, he says, "you get the backlash. People say, Those damn fertility doctors.

"You can never have perfect control" over the number of eggs produced by fertility treatments, said Richard Paulson, director of the division of reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Southern California. But oversomulation can be avoided, he said, by using less potent drugs that have lower success rates.

In the December issue of Fertility and Sterility, Paulson and his colleagues describe a new method of egg stimulation and retrieval that helps limit the number of eggs released.

(Washington Post)

A hypnotic solution to ringing in the ears

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

you've ever had a mosquito buzzing in your ear or a car siren echoing in the distance, you've experienced a sample of chronic tinnitus - except that this buzzing or ringing in the ears can't be swatted away or turned off. Tens of thousands of Israelis

suffer from this condition, and it can be so disruptive to normal life and sleep that a desperate minority even consider suicide to end it

If tinnitus - which can be caused by a variety of factors - goes away in several months, consider yourself lucky; if it continues beyond half a year, it's regarded as chronic, and there is no cure.

But there is now hope that your mind can be trained not to hear it. Self-hypnosis is one of the techniques used in clinics at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv and Soroka Hospital io Beersheba to help patients cope with this mind-boggling disorder.

Tinnitus is nearly always a subjective complaint of hearing a sound or sounds that are attributed to the ears or the head, says Dr. Zecharya Shemesh, a specialist who runs the three public hospital clinics, as well as his own private clinic, to treat tinnitus. In some patients, unsteadiness and vertigo may accompany the noise, and they complain of a sensation that "the world is going around" or that their head is moving (even when it

In a handful of cases, the doctor can put his ear to the patient's head and objectively hear the noise - which could be due to a heart murmur or a tic disorder. But the vast majority of sufferers are the only ones to hear this constant noise, and it can't even he detected by audiological instruments. It can drone on in one ear or both; bilateral tinnitus is more common, especially wheo caused by exposure to high-decibel ooise.

American Tinnitus Association reported recently that the average age of Americans with the condition has dropped to 39 apparently because of teenagers and young adults who listened to rock music in the Sixties and Seventies. It's even possible that President Bill Clinton - who has just been equipped with tiny incanal hearing aids due to overexsuffers from tinnitus, but to official report to this effect has been released.

Shemesh says that due to military service, the average age of Israeli sufferers is even lower even though tinnitus is common among the clderly as well. Today, he stresses, prevention of hearing loss in the army is an important issue, and soldiers are actually punished for failing to protect their ears from explosions. But before this became a policy, much damage was done, as it still is in some industries and to victims of terror blast attacks.

He also decries the widespread custom of ear-bending music at Israeli weddings and bar mitzvas, as if the performers get paid by the decibel. "We had a bar mitzva for our son without any music at all, and when it was over, the guests came over to us and congratulated us on how pleasant it was to be able to talk to each other,"

Shemesh recalls. A graduate of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Faculty, Shemesh went on to specialize in psychiatry in 1980. Under the guidance of his teacher, Prof. Haim Somer, he became interested in hypnosis and its effect on information reaching the

It was Somer who suggested that Shemesh try to develop a technique for treating tinnitus patients. But he left the specialty before becoming a psychiatrist in order to spend time learning about tinnitus and geriatrics.

There is pretty much one type of throat infection, but there are all kinds of tinnitus," Shemesh explains, "Every patient is different, and the doctor has to he a detecove to find out the multifactorial causes." It is generally helieved that tinnitus results from damage to the tiny hairs to the inner ear, and experiments on lab animals exposed to constant, loud noise has shown this can he the case, but there is no way to restore these microscopic hairs.

Tinnitus may also reflect neural damage to fibers transmitting neural pulses from the brain stem

to the cerebral cortex. While men are more exposed to noise at work and io the military than women, viral and bacterial infections after childbirth, when women are weakened, can also be a factor. He warns parents against allowing their children to turn their Walkman tape or radio up

irreversibly damage hearing.

After patients are carefully examined in an otolaryngology department to determine whether a brain tumor (a one in a thousand occurrence) or an intra-cranial vascular abnormality is responsible for the tinnitus, they are admirted to one of the tinnitus clinics. Aside from the noise, patients may complain about insomnia, anxiety, an inability to tolerate noise, irri-tability, tiredness, a decrease in memory, difficulty in concentrating, dizziness - and even less easure from their daily acovities

than they used to. Shemesh says he carefully assesses the results of medical tests and patient questionnaires to consider a suitable treatment program. A slightly abnormal result of thyroid function or blood sugar may sometimes be a trigger of tin-

Even the taking of aspirin can eause some cases of irreversible tinnitus, he says. "People shouldn't take aspirin as a matter of course, but only when actually required by a cardiovascular or other condition," he advises. In his research. Shemesh and colleagues found that tinnitus is more common among people with a vitamin B12 deficiency - but unfortunately, giving patients the vitamin supplement does not cure them, since the neurological damage is done. Medications may be of help. Biofeedback can help some patients live with their tinnitus, but electronic maskers - which make a "white noise" to cover the ringing in the ears - have been quite disappointing despite much enthusiasm years ago, Shemesh

Over the past 17 years, Shemesh

has become a heliever in the henefits of self-hypnosis or relaxation techniques to teach the brain to disregard the constant noise. He teaches these techniques, customized according to the needs and personality of the patient, and says they are very effective. A study of 200 soldiers he conducted with colleagues in the Israel Defense Forces found a notable improvement in the quality of life of tinnitus patients. They reported an overall success rate of 90% ---"higher than anywhere else in the world" - and many patients said the noise had "completely disap-

The health funds are reluctant to send members with tinnitus to Shemesh's clinics, he says, instead referring patients to their own earnose-and-throat specialists. "Even when they do, they pay only NIS 150 for a visit, which is way below the actual cost." As a result, the waiding list at Ichilov is an incredible four years, while at Hadassah it has been "brought down to two

Prof. Joseph Elidan, head of Hadassah's otolaryngology department, says that in order to increase income that could be invested in teaching more doctors' the Shemesh technique, a new effort has been launched to encourage foreign tourists with tinnitus to come here for treatment. But since the charge is \$2,000 for seven visits over a period of two weeks, plus the costs of tests and a hotel stay, one would think such an offer will attract only the well-off who are really

An Internet site appears at http://www.hadassah.org.il/hmo/ti nn.html to solicit such patients.



Dr. Zecharya Shemesh uses self-hypnosis or relaxation techniques to help improve the quality of life of people who suffer from tinnitus.

A 4th R for schools – Resuscitation

Pass (over) the margarine

By REDGELY OCHS

It's not the amount, but the kind, of fat you eat, that increases your risk for heart disease, according to Boston researchers. In a study that likely will fuel

debate on what is the most healthful diet, Harvard researchers have found that bow much trans fat found in margarine and vegetable shortening - and saturated fat you eat cootribotes more to the risk of heart disease than your total fat intake. Eating more polyunsaturated fat, found in safflower, soy and com oils, and monounsaturated fat, in olive and canola oils, is linked with a reduction in heart-

disease risk, they say.

The study, published recently in the New England Journal of Medicine, used data from 80,082 women aged 34 to 59 who were followed over a 14-year period in the ongoing Nurses' Health Study. "People should avoid trans fats

and reduce saturated fat. We recommend replacing unhealthful fats with mooounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. These are beneficial. We don't recommend non-specific reduction in total fat intake," said the lead author. Dr. Frank Hu, of the Harvard School of Public Health.

The findings and recommendations are apt to be controversial. While US government guidelines call for fewer than 10% of calories daily from saturated fat - which is found in meats, dairy products and some vegetable oils, like coconut and palm - the thrust has been to get people to reduce overall fat intake from an average of 35% of total calories to 30%.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Tim Byers of the University of Colorado said about 5% to 10% of the fat in the American diet (or about 3% of the total diet) and about 5% of the fat stored in fally tissue are trans fats. These are vegetable oils that have been artificially bydrogenated in order to become hardened, like vegetable shortening and margarine, and are used in many baked goods and snacks. The harder the margarine, the more trans fais it has.

"I think it's still a hypothesis, but this study gives it a lot more weight," said Dr. Marc Jacobson, director of the center for atherosclerosis prevention at Schneider Children's Hospital in New Hyde Park, N.Y., of the study's findings. Wahida Karmally, director of

nutrition research at New York's Columbia University, also was unprepared to discount the role of a high-fat diet in promoting heart dis-

COMPARING THE equivalent energy from carbohydrates, Hu and his colleagues found that a 2% increase in trans fats almost doubled the risk of heart disease, while a 5% increase in saturated fats was associated with a 17% increase in risk. By contrast, a 5%. increase in polyunsaturated fats decreased the risk by 38%; a 5% increase in monounsaturated fats



The amount of trans fat - found in margarine and vegetable shortening - and saturated fat you eat contributes more to the risk of heart disease than your total fat intake.

made the risk drop by 19%. The level of total fat intake was not associated with an increase in heart disease risk, though dietary cholesterol intake was associated with a slight increase in risk of heart disease.

Hu said it's not clear why trans fais appear to be more deleterious than saturated fats. But he said metabolic studies have found that while saturated fats raise the level of LDL, the socalled "bad cholesterol," trans fats not only raise LDL levels they also lower levels of HDL, the so-called "good cholesterol," and raise levels of triglycerides - blood fais also associated with hean disease.

By contrast, studies have found polyunsaturated fats lower cholesterol when substituted for saturated fats, and that when monounsaturated fats replace carbohydrates, they appear to raise HDL levels

without affecting LDL cholesterol, Hu and his colleagues said. The study is part of a larger

debate among experts about the role of fat and carbohydrates in heart disease. Hu and his colleagues who published findings from the Nurses' Health Study in 1993 that found trans fat increased the risk of heart disease - contend the emphasis on lowering the amount of fat we eat has led to an increase in how many carbohydrates, often in the form of sugar, we take in. But they claim low-fat high-carbohydrate diets reduce HDL levels and raise triglyceride levels.

Nutrition experts contend that while eating many high-sugar foods is not healthful, the idea of replacing fat with fat does not take into account studies that have found heart disease is directly related to the amount of fat in the diel. They admit this study is apl to befuddle many. (Newsday)

Health Scan als at the riding school in Ramat



By Post Health Reporter

The Education Ministry has finally recognized the need L for pupils and teachers to learn cardio-pulmonary resuscita-tion. It has bired Heart-To-Heart Israel, a voluntary organization that specializes in reducing the mortality rate from cardiovascular diseases through prevention and teaching life-saving techniques, to begin conducing three-hour CPR courses in the schools.

Professional counselors will lead the courses, which will include a lecture on heart function and heart attacks, the importance of correct diet and physical acovity, dealing with stress and abstaining from smoking.

The organization, based in Kfar Sava, already distributes educational pamphlets to schools on these and other subjects.

HORSING AROUND IMPROVES LEARNING

Horsehack riding by children with learning disabilities has been shown to improve their reading and arithmetic skills.

An educational psychologist in Petah Tikva, Shai Roditi, reached this conclusion after conducting triGan National Park.

According to the Education Ministry's bulletin Arutz Hinuchi, the children's riding improved their adapove ability, their coordination, their self-esteem and selfconfidence, and their ability to relate to others.

Twenty fourth- and fifth-graders who studied in specialeducadoo schonls were accompanied by their teachers to the riding school. After six weeks, 70% of the chil-

dren learned to control both the horse and many of the urges that led to disruptive bebavior.

HOW TO GIVE BIRTH. IN HEBREW Israeli medical studeots and residents are resigned to the fact that most textbooks are written in

But now the first comprehensive gynecology and obstetrics textbook has been published in Hebrew by Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine.

The textbook, which is called Meyaldut, Gynecologia U'Reviya (Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproduccion), is also suitable for nurses and nursing students.
The editors, Prof. Avraham

Golan, who heads the ob/gyn department at the medical school, and Prof. Roy Homberg, made a special effort for the text to appear at the beginning of the new acade-, mic year.

They said the book, written in clear and simple Hebrew, would have to be updated frequently because of the constant new devel-

STUDY: STRESS POSSIBLE KIDNEY STONES TRIGGER

Major life events, both positive and negative, may trigger the formation of kidney stones, according to a study that, for the first time, links the painful ailment with stress. The study, comparing 200 kid-

ney-stone patients with a control group of the same size, found the patients were more likely to have endured major stress in the previous two years, according to lead researcher Dr. Reza Najem of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, who reported on the study in the International Journal Epidemiology. If others confirm his findings,

Najem said, it could lead to increased focus on stress management to prevent recurrences of kidney stones. Kidney stones occur wheo

excess calcium and other substances crystallize in ducts connecting the kidneys and bladder. causing pain from the blockage of urine or the sharp edges scraping the ureter as the stone passes through. Recurrence is common. The stones are usually eliminated by lithotripsy, in which sbock waves are used to break the stones into tiny pieces.

Three percent of all Israelis suffer from kidney stones, says Sheba Hospital urology department head Dr. Ya'acov Ramon. He recently announced his department's acquisition of a new type of lithotripter that - unlike the machines in all other hospitals smashes the stones without requiring anesthesia.



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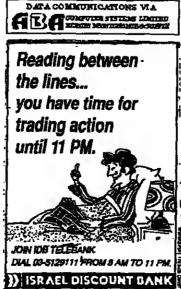
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Dow soars on jobs data

Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stocks soared on Friday as a wave of traditional year-end buying brushed aside the inflationary impact of a report that the nation's jobless rate fell in November to the lowest level in nearly 25 years.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index set a new high.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 98.97 points, or 1.2 percent, at 8,149.13. For the week, the average gained 326.00 points. In the broader market, advancing issues beat declines 1,714 to 1.163 on active volume of 556 million shares on the New York

Stock Exchange.
The S&P index rose 10.69 points to e record 983.79, surpassing the old high of 983.11 set on October 17. The government said that the

unemployment rate fell to a 24year low of 4.6% in November from 4.7% in October as the economy cranked out jobs.

Analysts said traders appeared to be buying in anticipation that stocks will rally as they typically do in late December and early January. Meanwhile, continued strong economic data has helped sooth

concerns that US corporate earnings will soon be slowing, Smith said. The market was helped by strong gains in the technology sector after its pummeling earlier

this week. Cisco Systems Inc. gained three 10 89-3/8, Dell Computer Corp. added 2-5/16 to 93-3/4, International Business Machines Corp. rose three to 112-1/4 and Hewlett-Packard Co. added 4-1/2



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58-7/8 after a World Trade Organization panel came down on Japan's side against the US in a dispute involving Kodak and Fuji Photo Film Co.

Hambrecht & Quist Group Inc. fell 1-1/2 to 43-1/2 as sources close to the situation said the investment bank was in takeover talks with Merrill Lynch & Co., which finished up 11/16 at 76-1/4.

Europe

LONDON (Reuters) - The UK's leading share index was catapulted to a six-week closing best on Friday, after Wall Street muscled its way higher in the face of robust US employment data. The FTSE 100 closed at 5142.9, up 60.6 points, or 1.19 percent, up 311.1 from last week. German shares recaptured ground lost to stronger-thanexpected US jobs data to clock up safe gains and finish firmer. The DAX-30 index closed at 4170.08, up 30.28 points, or o 67-3/4.

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Eastman Kodak Co. fell 5/8 to November 28. In later screen-

based trade the IBIS DAX index ended at 4191.81, up 32.09 points, or 0.77%.

In Paris, shares ended down but well off lows after the market briefly took fright at data showing a strong US labor market, but was later soothed by thoughts that the Asian crisis may delay the Fed tightening that robust growth could provoke.

The CAC-40 index closed at 2910.09, down 4.36 points, or 0.15%, a rise of 50.90 from last

week. Rumor-driven bank shares helped the blue-chip Swiss Market Index close above 6,000 points for the first time since July, with market attention firmly locked on Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp.

Asia

JAPAN (Reuters) - Tokyo stocks rebounded Friday afternoon to break a three-session losing streak, helped by short-cover-ing of financial issues as well as bargain-hunting of some blue-

chip issues, brokers said.
The 225-share Nikkei average closed at 16424.48, up 117.69 points, or 0.72 percent, down 211.78 from November 28.

Hong Kong stocks closed moderately higher, lifted in part by better sentiment surrounding China plays, and brokers said the market should advance further next week before taking a breather.

The Hang Seng index closed at 11527.60, up 52.66 points, or 0.46%, up 1000.68 from last

Dollar breaks 130 – yen barrier

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The from 129.37 at Thursday's close. dollar jumped after a surprisingly strong US employment report Friday, hitting a new 5-1/2-year high against the ven and overcoming warnings that Japan may act to curb further weakness in its сигтепсу.

The rise put the dollar in New York above 130 yen for the first time since May 1992. Japanese Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka overnight briefly interrupted the rally, saying in a Tokyo news conference that Japan was prepared to deal with excessive yen weakness in a "timely and appropriate way."

Unconfirmed reports that Japan quietly used money from its vast foreign exchange reserves to make dollars available to Japanese banks also briefly bled Japanese banks are having difficulty borrowing dollars cheaply in international money markets.

But more investors flocked to the US after the Labor Department said payrolls surged 404,000 in November - nearly twice the expected rise - pushing the jobless rate down to 4.6 percent, its lowest in more than 24 years.

Healthy October factory orders data also showed the US economy was likely to end the year in excellent shape, so far riding out the financial storms that have recently battered Japan and other economies in southeast Asia.

"The dollar has been doing very well and stocks are up," said Doug Lee, an assistant vice president at Sakura Bank Ltd. This is the only economy that's really growing at any kind of convincing rate, relative to overseas economies." The dollar got support from the

Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 98.97 points, or 1.2%, to 8,149.13.

The dollar rose to 130.20 yen

Some fund managers reportedly took profits, selling large quantities of dollars and sparking more

dealers said. ---It hit a six-week high against the Money also flowed back into mark, closing at 1.7820, up from Treasury bonds, cutting heavy losses after the jobs report. Bond traders. initially feared that interest rates, which move in the opposite direction from bond prices; might have to

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French franc	0.5901	0.5997	0.58	0.61	0.5957
Japanese yen (100)	2.7249	2.7689	2.67	2.81	2.7510
Dutch florin	1.7527	1.7810	1.72	1.61	1.7687
Swiss franc	2.4509	2.4905	2.40	2.53	2.4753
Swedish krona	0.4503	0.4576	0.44	0.47	0.4549
Norwegian krone	0.4852	0.4831	0.47	0.50	0.4899
Danish krone	0.5166	0.5272	0.50	0.54	0.5236
Firmish mark	0.6529	0.6635	0.64	0.68	0.6590
Canadian dollar	2.4625	2.5023	2.42	2.54	2.4814
Australian dollar	2.3769	2.4153	2.33	2.45	2.3929
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Belgian franc (10)	0.9574	0.9729	0.94	0.99	0.9663
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8064	2.8517	2.75	2.90	2.8326
Italian lira (1000)	2.0168	2.0494	1.98	2.08	2.0355
Jordanian dinar	4.9323	5.0119	4.87	5.20	4.9554
Egyptian pound	0.9900	1.0800	0.99	1.08	1.0052
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Irish punt	5.1527	5.2359	5.08	5.31	5.1910
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McMillan leads Kiwis past S. Africa ADELAIDE (AP) — New and nearly all his came in ones and zealand batsman Craig MeMillan twos as he explored the gaps. His

Caps win in new home

scored 86 to lead his side to a 47run victory in the limited overs international against South Africa at the Adelaide Oval yesterday. In his fifth one-day internation-

al. McMillan made his second half-century and highest score, his previous best being 66 against He added 124 for the sixth wick-

et with Chris Harris after they came together at 93 for five in the 23rd over. New Zealand reached 224 for six m its 50 overs in the first day-night game played in

South Africa struggled against a tight bowling performance from New Zealand and was dismissed for 177 in 47.5 overs. Harris scored an unbeaten 52

Washington Capitals ehristened

their new arena with a victory

Friday night as newly acquired Jeff Toms scored at 3:32 of over-

time to pace a 3-2 triumph over

Toms, acquired two weeks ago

from Tampa Bay off the waiver

wire, scored on a 2-on-1 break to

give the Capitals a triumph in the

first NHL game at the \$200 mil-

Sabres 4, Lightning 0

for his second straight shutout,

and Buffalo got goals from three

Flyers 4, Rangers 4

Brian Leetch scored a pair of

power-play goals to cap a three-

goal comeback by host New York

John LeClair had scored bis 21 st

and 22nd goals to help the Flyers

take a 4-1 lead in the second peri-

od. But the Rangers came back on

a goal by Brian Skrudland and the

two hy Leetch, who capped the

rally at 3:07 of the third period

with a slap shot from the right eir-

Hurricanes 2, Coyotes 2

Cliff Ronning's second goal in his last 20 games midway through

the second period gave injury-

plagued Phoenix 6 tie with the

Stars 4, Flames 1

Ed Belfour stopped 20 shots and

Oilers 3, Red Wings 1

Goaltender Bob Essensa carned

Pat Western had a gold and an wanter - assist as hose Dallas Grats what its 1 (2011)

defensemen to win at home.

Dominik Hasek made 38 saves

the Florida Panthers.

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and salvage a tie.

cle past Garth Snow.

seventh straight

twos as he explored the gaps. His only boundary was a bottom edge which beat wicketkeeper Dave Richardson.

McMillan survived a torrid welcome from South African paceman Allan Donald, who restricted the baisman to just two singles from the first 21 balls he faced. New Zealand made a disastrous

start to the innings after being put in by Hansie Cronje but were steadied early by Chris Cairns, who scored 55. Donald finished with 2-17 from

10 overs while Pollock took 3-36. South Africa staned its run chase with a rush, scoring freely off Shayne O'Connor in the opening overs, but also losing two wickets to him.

his first win of the season and host

Edmonton stopped Detroit's six-

Essensa made 27 saves and won

Washington 10 months ago. The

Oilers halted a two-game losing

streak and defeated Detroit for the

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Van Horn debuts in Nets' win

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) -Keith Van Horn made his longawaited NBA debut and had 11 points in 27 foul-plagued minutes as the New Jersey Nets beat the Philadelphia 76ers 107-88 on Friday, for their most lopsided win for the first time since beating

of the season. The second overall pick in the NBA Draft, Van Horn sprained his right ankle during the exhibition season and missed the first 17 regular-season games. He had six points and an assist in an early 26-

Bulls 84, Bucks 62 Toni Kukoc had 19 points and the Bulls held Milwaukee to its lowest scoring output in its 30 years in the NBA. Heat 117, Celtics 97

Mark Strickland had a careerhigh 20 points and Jamal Mashbum and Tim Hardaway scored 18 points each for the host Sonies 94, Pistons 89

Vin Baker had 31 points and Gary

Payton narrowly missed a tripledouble as Seattle won on the road, Trail Blazers 94, Jazz 77 Brian Grant scored 15 points and

rookie Kevin Cato had eight blocked shots to help host Portland snap Utah's six-game win streak. Suns 110, Raptors 91 Antonio MeDyess scored nine of his 19 points in the third period as Phoenix survived a scare and

dealt visiting Toronto its 15th consecutive loss. Pacers 96, Nuggets 85 Rik Smits scored 24 points and Reggie Miller 19 as visitiog

Indiana posted its 5th straight win. Cavaliers 107, Grizzlies 98 Wesley Person scored 30 points and made seven 3-pointers as visiting Cleveland won its seventh

Warriors 104, Magie 89 Golden State won for the first time in the post-Sprewell era and earned its first home victory of the season.

Donyell Marshall had 28 points

Sprewell's agent blasts NBA

NEW YORK (AP) - The agent for suspended All-Star guard Latrell Sprewell accused the NBA of influencing the Goldeo State Warriors' decision to terminate his elient's contract.

Asked if he thought the league had been behind the turn of events, agent Am Tellem said: "My guess is yes, they did, because the Warriors changed their position so abruptly. It was strictly an internal matter and it wasn't a league issue," Tellem said.

"When the Warriors made their initial reaction of a 10-game suspension and \$1 million in lost salary, we were prepared to live with it and accept it. Thep, all of a sudden, everything changed abruptly." Sprewell received the longest suspension in NBA history Thursday when the league banned him for one calendar year for stracking coach

P.J. Carlesimo during praetice Monday.

The players' association filed formal grievances against the NBA.

and Joe Smith added 24 as the Warriors won for just the second time this season.

Lakers 98, Spurs 88 Nick Van Exel scored 25 points as Los Angeles won at home. The Lakers are 8-0 at the Forum.

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Thursday's results: Washington 118, Sacramento 96; Mihrankee 102, Charlotte 92; Daffas 105, New York 91; Houston 94, Arlanta 87; L.A. Clippers 100, San Antonio 96 (OT).

Betar go top thanks to Hap. Beersheba

By DEREK FATTAL and AMMANJAH de YRIES

Champions Betar Jerusalem leapfrogged over Hapoel Tel Aviv to climb to the top of the National League yesterday following a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Bnei Yehuda in the first match of a doubleheader at Bloomfield Stadium that attracted over 20,000 speciators. New signing Shai Holtzman was the hero for the Betar hordes, scoring the decisive goal to seal a dream debut

The goaltess draw between Hapoel Tel Aviv and Hapoel Beersheba in the second game in the two-match bill held later in the afternoon ensured that Betar stayed in pole position at the end of play in Round 13.

The Jerusalemites' cheering helped the league's bottom-placed side turn on a gutsy performance. The result was enough to prevent the Tel Avivans from returning to the top of the table, and leaves Betar with a one-point lead at the summit

Fuß credit is due to Beersheba's new coach Eliyahu Ofer who restored some badly-needed composure and a glimmer of bope to the southerners within days of arriving at the club under extremely difficult circumstances.

A massive crowd was also present for the Haifa derby at Kiryat Eliezer. Hapoel Haifa's 4-2 victory over Maccabi proved once-andfor-all that Maecabi's days as the eity's premier elub are over.

Shai Holtzman's moment of glory for Betar came in the 35th minute from a long throw in from the left touchline into the area by Tomer Azulai. Holtzman eollected the ball cleanly with his back towards the goal and his marker, then neatly spun round and buried the ball into the Bnei Yebuda net for the all-important winner.

The Hatikva Quarter side played well above their league placing but were unable to equalize. At the other eod Shavit

Elimelech also had his hands full, as Beersheba's Yossi Benayoun the outstanding player on the field - led the southerners' stracking forays. A dramatie Haifa derby saw

Maccabi's green and whites truly humbled in a 4-2 defeat inflicted by their Hapoel rivals. Hapoel's first three goals came in the opening half. Giovanni Rosso put the first one past Nir Davidovitch from the penalty spot in the sixth minute.

Hapoel Petah Tikva's bid for the

title received a blow with a 3-1 defeat away to Maccabi Herzliya. The game was rather rough, with the referee flashing seven yellow cards and dismissing Petah Tikva's Eli Abarbanel for knocking over Ronen Fiegenbaum. For Herzliya the goal scorers were Vasili Ivanov three minutes into the second haif, Oleg Nauda in the 54th minute and Tzachi Zaneti five minutes to time. Substitute Yaniv Ofri put one away for Petah Tikva in the 73rd minute.

Maccabi Tel Aviv came away with three points from their visit to fellow relegation-strugglers Hapoel Beit She'an. Eli Driks pounced on an Avi Nimni cross to score in the 40th minute, while Beit She'an blew any chance of recovery by having two players dismissed in the second half.

Hapoel Ashkelon's 1-0 home defeat on Friday against Hapoel Kfar Sava could eost eoach Menashe Nuriel his job

Hapoel Jerusalem got back into winning ways the same day, marking the long-awaited return of Miehel Dayan with a 2-1 win over Ironi Rishon Lezion.

Maccabi Petah Tikva and Ironi Ashdod conspired to provide a sleep-inducing 0-0 draw from their meening. TotoLine:

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Winnie Mandela stirs emotions among Soweto neighbors

By LYNNE DUKE

SOWETO - For \$10, visitors can buy a tiny, corked jar of Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's dirt. It is not a list of the allegations she faced during just-finished hearings into abuses committed during the apartheid era. It is soil from the ground on which the Mandela family built its home in the Orlando West section of this southern

Johanneshurg community.
It is here, at the Winnie Mandela and Family Museum, that the image of the erstwhile "Mother of the Nation" is preserved: Winnie, the international honoree; Winnie, the freedom fighter in fatigues; Winnie, the first-lady-in-waiting, pining for release of the world's most famous political prisoner, her then-husband Nelson Mandela.

Once, her face was like a mirror in which black South Africans could see their hopes and aspirations. But in the communities surrounding the museum, the Winnie image has shattered into sharp-edged shards that now are weapons in a national debate over her legacy, her integrity, her status as a leader,

This debate had seethed for several years. But now, after nine days of public allegations against ber before South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, there is no shortage of loud veniing about this woman who stirs emotions here like no other.

vegetable stand a few streets away from the Mandela family museum.

"We must forgive her."

"She was supposed to be arrested, not taken" to the truth commission, said Benji Nhlapo, a friend of Mbatha's. "No, I'll never be on that lady's side, because I know what she did."

Nhlapo said he recalls vividly Madikizela-Mandela's bodyguards made the already miserable life of racial separation more difficult for those around

Her bodyguard squad, known euphemistically as the Mandela United Football Club, unleashed a reign of terror in her name, targeting comrades in the fight against apartheid, the system of white-minority rule, and branding them "selfouts."

So complex are the emotions that Madikizela-Mandela stirs that Maurice Mbele, a hairdresser in her neighborhood, defended her by saying,
"Whatever she did, she had a

reason." But, he also said that "she didn't tell the truth" to the truth commission.

"I can still vote for her," said a customer of Mbele's, Ditshele Magose, in Padawee's Hair salon. "I don't bave a problem. She can still rule."

"She won't. She won't," said Ana Pike, another bairdresser, saying that the troubles in Madikizela-Mandela's past are so serious that they caused the Mandelas' divorce last year. "That thing was in the past," Now, Madikizela-Mandela is says Gift Mbatha, owner of a seeking high office in the ruling



Winnie Mandikizela-Mandela (right) embraces Joyce Seipei, the mother of murdered teenage activist Stompei Seipei, at a hearing Thursday of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. (AP)

African National Congress in including her former husband. voting to take place next month. have been campaigning aggres— The party's establishment, sively to thwart her hid.

"You must consider why the president left her; because he wouldn't be president if Winnie was still his wife," she said. The Mandelas, whose 38-year

marriage was interrupted by Nelson's 27 years of political imprisonment, separated in 1992, two years after his release. They divorced last year amid his public accusation that she was unfaithful.

That event split opinion - some thought Nelson was right; others thought he had been too harsh on

Now, some see her as a victim yet again. Thursday, she was publicly grilled in a manner not yet used for perpetrators of the. repression designed to keep apartheid in place. No former president or general has been grilled so thoroughly, so publicly
not Frederik W. de Klerk, the
last president in the apartheid system; nor Pieter W.

Botha, his predecessor. This strikes many blacks here as an ontrage that must be reversed.

The way they were harsh on Winnie, they've got to be harsh on everybody," said Mogase. "She's not the only person who has done the worst. F.W. de Klerk and P.W. Botha - they did the worst." De Klerk, hailed as a reformer when he freed Nelson Mandela in 1990 and set the nation on a course toward reform, has denied to the truth commission that he knew of any atrocities committed during apartheid.

Botha, de Klerk's predecessor, has called the truth commission a "circus" and boldly proclaimed he will not appear before it.

When Botha failed to appear

Friday for a hearing to which he had been subpoensed, truth commission officials went to an attorney general's office to charge him with contempt of court It turned out, however, that the subpoena was technically deficient it did not specify a time for Botha's appearance - and therefore not binding.

A new subpoena was issued for Botha to appear December 19. Anglican Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, the truth commission chairman, repeatedly has warned that Botha will be charged if he flouts the law.

"There is no justice in South Africa," said an elderly woman who lives in Madikizela-Mandela's neighborhood and said she fears retaliation should her name appear in print. She said that a nearby squatter settlement houses people who "idolize" Madikizela-Mandela and that they would do her bidding.

The elderly woman said she grieves for Joyce Seipei, whose 14-year-old son, Moketsi "Stompie" Seipei, was beaten and stabled to death hy Madikizela-Mandela's security force over several days in 1988 and 1989. Madikizela-Mandela was convicted for the boy's kidnapping in 1991.

During the truth commission hearings, Joyce Seipei said she wanted Madikizela-Mandela prosecuted for murder. But as the hearings drew to a close, Seipei walked up to Madikizela-Mandela, extended her hand and kissed her on the cheek. (The Washington Post)

Laos starts looking to attract foreigners

By DAVID LAMB

VIENTIANE, Laos - Here on the banks of the Mekong River, Southeast Asia's economic boom had hypassed Laos. It is as though Laos fell off the world map and Vientiane - small, dusty, sleepy was time-trapped in the pages of a Graham Greene novel.

While canyons of glass-fronted high-rises tower over other Asian capitals. Vientiane remains a collection of rutted streets and twostory shops, the capital of a country where only one-tenth of the vil-lages are anywhere near a mad and only one quarter of the populations. has access to safe drinking water.
"Quiet? Yes, it's that," said writer

James Miehener, a six-year Vientiane resident and nephew of the late author with the same name.

"But if you've got your computer, your books, it's a great place: unspoiled Asia of old."

For a good many years, Laos' aging Communist leaders - the Pathet Lao guerrillas who came out of mountain caves in 1975 to mismanage the country into bankruptcy - were content to keep the nation exactly that. It devised policies to ensure the country's isolation behind a bamboo curtain and shunned paths toward prosperity that Singapore, Malaysia and others had followed.

But the temptation eventually proved too great, and today hig changes are in the wind. As US Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin, who speaks Lao and taught here from 1971 to 1973 for International Volunteer Service, put it: "They took a look around the neighborhood and saw that foreign investment - export-led growth - created the economic boom, and they want to be part of it."

The Communists have set a modest goal: to escape from the ranks of the world's 25 poorest countries by 2020. Under the "new economic mechanism" reforms, first toyed with in 1986, they have lifted trade barriers, instituted free-market prices, given farmers the right to own land, liberalized the investment code. Vientiane, if not exactly abuzz, has reacted with a flourish of activity: new shops, more motor scooters, a new airport terminal under construction.

"We are a poor country trying very hard to be rich in the years ahead," said Linthong Phetsavan, acting general director of the Foreign Ministry's media department. The road, he admits, will be a long one.

Three-quarters of Laos' publicexpenditure budget comes from foreign aid. Its resources - oil. gold, precious metals - are only in the early stages of exploitation. Its plan to build dams and power plants to export hydropower to Thailand has been set back by a Thai economic erisis. Its land remains eluttered with unexploded US ordnance from the Vietnam War that makes development dangerous, expensive and sometimes untenable. And much of its middle class has never returned home after fleeing the Pathet Lao's harsh rule in the mid-1970s.

"While the rest of Asia was devel-

oping, Laos was left standing around, wondering what time of the day it was," said one Western businessman. "Can they ever catch up? I'm not sure. Unlike the Vietnamese, the Laotians are a pretty laid-back people - polite, friendly but not terribly industrious.

What Laos has going for it is that it's in vogue with donor nations. The remoteness, the mystique of Southeast Asia, the embrace of a free-market economy - they all give Laos a certain appeal. You've got donors falling

all-over each other to fund the same project," he said. tough hand to begin with A landlocked nation battered by war, it had been colonized, occupied and manipulated by foreign powers

since the 19th century. Today, as poor as Bangladesh in per capita income, it is a country me rest of Southeast Asia conti ues to dismiss as a backwater stepchild.

Writing in Bangkok's Englishlanguage Nation newspaper, a Thai columnist recently told how people were fleeing his country's economic downturn. "One friend wants to go to New York," he wrote. "Someone has already gone to London, another to Hong Kong. I even know someone who has moved to Laos. He was that desретате."

Whereas Laos once eschewed anything tainted by the West, the country's real seat of power, the Communist Polithuro, now eagerly seeks close political and economic relations with those nations. Laos is the only Indochinese country that did not experience a break in diplomatic relations with Washington in the aftermath of the Vietnam War.

US diplomats term relations with Vientiane as "good and improv-ing." They say the government has been cooperative in assisting in the search for the remains of US airmen shot down over Laos and in seeking crop substitutions that will wean farmers off the opium they grow. Laos is the world's third-

largest opium producer.
Over many generations, Laotians became used to being kicked

The Thais invaded Vientiane in the 1820s and left only a temple standing. France colonized the country in the 1890s; Japan controlled it in World War II; CIA agents manipulated it in the

The Pathet Lao came to power promising retention of the monarchy, guarantees of individual freedom, a neutral foreign policy and a role for the private economic sector. Upward of 40,000 Laotians were sent off to re-education

Today the hammer and sickle and the Communist jargon are gone, along with the bamboo curtain. A two-lane bridge, built by Australia, spans the Mekong near Vientiane and provides the first river-spanning link to Thailand. And Laos took an important further step to end its isolation earlier this year by joining the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

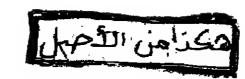
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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Young, dramatic and inspiring British maestro Antonio Pappano leads the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert performance of Verdi's Shakespearean masterpiece Otello tonight, Wednesday and Saturday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30). Two further performances at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv take place December)5 (8:30) and 17 (7).

Renowned Swiss flutist Aurele Nicolet presents master classes at the Jerusalem Music Center from today until Thursday, daily 9:30 a.m. to 12:30, and 3 to 5. Admission free.

ETHNIC

HELEN KAYE

"Andalusian" is the generic name for traditional North African music. It's also the specially of Ashdod's Israel Andalusian Orchestra, led by its founder/music director Avi llam-Amsaleg. The IAO opens its third subscription series with a celebration of Andalusian music performed by leoor Emil Zerihan, an Andalusian vocal ensemble, and a work by its conductor which won the Israe) Chamber Orchestra prize a couple of months ago. This is not Western music and ool Arabic music, although it's influenced by the latter. It's a bit like listening to water run with all its tiny rills, purls and gradations of sound. Tonight at the Jerusalem Theater and on Tuesday at Kiryal Gal both at 8:30 p.m.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

If you're a fan of British novels made into slow, sensitive dramas, you will be delighted to learn that Channel 1 is airing a three-part BBC series based on Anne Bronte's novel The Tenant of Wildfell Hall tonight at 10:35. This intense



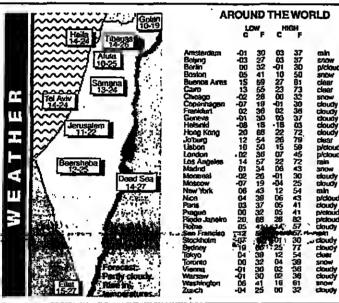
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story of desperate marriage and passion shocked Victorian England when it was first published 150 years ago.

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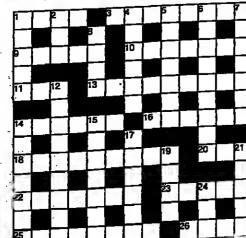
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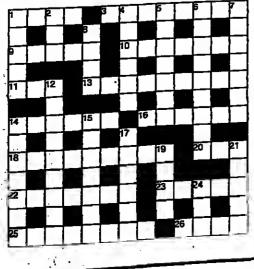
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Pope: Winning isn't everything

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II reminded an Italian League soccer team yesterday that it's not whether you win or lose that counts, it's how you play the

The pontiff, a one-time goalkeeper with a long interest in soccer, held an audience with players from Atalanta of Bergamo, which plays at AS Roma today.

Every competition should be a game for the good and should promote the authenoc values of existence with the tenacity and the spirit of sacrifice that you've been asked to show in practice and matches," the pope told his guests.

"Don't ever forget that others. particularly children, watch you, since for them you are role models and orien important points of ref-

John Paul. 77, was an avid skier and hiker before a series of health problems limited his physical

Hingis to meet Huber in final

FRANKFURT (AP) - Martina Hingis defeated Lindsay Davenport and Anke Huber upset Iva Majoli yesterday at the Master of Champions tennis tournament to qualify for the

Hingis needed just 57 minutes to beat American Olympic champion Davenport 6-4, 6-3.

The latest success brings the 17-year-old Swiss star's 1997 season's record to 79 match victories against only five losses.

Huber, who started ranked No. 6 in the world this year, but has dropped to 14 after failing to win a tournament, broke Majoli to go to 3-2 in the first set and went on to win it 6-3 in just 25 minutes.

old German broke the 20-yearold Croatian early to take a 5-2 lead, but Majoli pulled back to 5-4 before Huber wrapped up the match at 6-4 in just 60 min-

The tournament featured eight of the world's top women players in round robin play in

England end All Blacks' winning run

26-all draw delights 75,000 at Twickenham; South Africa bury Scotland 68-10

TWICKENHAM (AP) -England foiled New Zealand's anempt to win all 12 iesi maiches of 1997 with a thrilling 26-26 tie at Twickenham yesterday after leading 20-3 early in the first half.

Three early tries by winger David Rees and back rows Richard Hill and Lawrence Dallaglio against the finest team in the world scared the mighty All Blacks before 75,000 fans at Twickenham.

The New Zealanders, who also beat England at Old Trafford two weeks ago and overwhelmed Ireland and Wales on their European tour, hit back with tries by Andrew Mehrtens and Walter

Little's try turned the game New Zealand's way at 26-23 with 17 minutes to go but Paul Grayson's penalty nine minutes from the end made it a first-ever draw between

England have four wins over New Zealand and the All Blacks

England took the lead with a 5th minute try by Rees and extended it to 10-0 on a ninth-minute score by

After the New Zealanders had kicked ahead. England quickly counter attacked and winger Rees received the ball 35 yards out,

faced by the huge Jonah Lomu. Instead of trying to run past the big New Zealand winger, he kicked the ball over him, re-gathered and souched down before the cover defense could catch him.

Four minutes later the England fans roared again. Fly half Grayson, who missed the earlier conversion, made a long pass to the left, left wing Austin Healey ran at the All Blacks defense and then center Will Greenwood powered through the middle.

He was tackled close to the line but England No 8 Hill was well positioned in support to collected his pass and score.

Grayson's conversion attempt hit the post and stayed out. New Zealand reduced England's lead to 10-3 with a 14th-minute penalty by Mehrtens, but England pushed ahead 17-3 in the 16th



CENTER OF ATTENTION - England center Tim Stimpson is tackled by New Zealand's Christian Cullen.

verted by Grayson.

Bunce was felled by a tackle by Phil de Glanville in front of his minute on a try by Dallaglio con-

17-3 in front and then he kicked a kicked it ahead between the posts New Zealand center Frank and then beat both beating Lomu penalty to extend it by another and scrum half Justin Marshall to three points. dive on the ball for the touch-

Two penalties by Mehrtens in

own post about 50 yards out. The down the 32nd and 36th minutes out it to ball went loose and Dallaglio Grayson's conversion made it 20-9 on a penalty in the 32nd and

ond half when Mehrtens scored

The expected big All Blacks

comeback started early in the sec-

another in the 36th.

South African 68, Scotland 10 South Africa scored eight second half tries in a 68-10 victory over Scotland at Murrayfield yesterday to make it five wins out of

Fullback Percy Montgomery scored two tries and kicked eight conversions for a personal tally of 26 points while James Small also crossed the Scottish line twice for a South Africa record individual total of 20 tries.

Johan Erasmus, Peiter Rossouw. Gary Teichmann, Tony Venter. Andre Snyman and debutant fly half Franco Smith also posted tries for a South Africa team who only led 14-3 at half time after initially

trailing.

Derek Stark scored the lone Scottish try in the second half but it was one-way traffic as the Scots suffered their heaviest home loss. The one-sided victory followed South African wins over Italy, France twice and England while Scotland, crushed 37-8 by Australia at Murrayfield Iwo weeks ago, will be low on confi-

dence after another heavy loss. After having to defend for 15 minutes, Scotland edged ahead with a Rowen Shepherd penalty awarded for a South African off-

But the Springboks eased ahead n the 23rd minute with Montgomery's first try, converted by Jannie de Beer, who was in for the injured Henry Honiball.

Speedy left winger Rossouw made the first break before releasing Snyman and the burly center's well-timed pass outside to Montgomery allowed the fullback to accelerate away to the corner.

De Beer thought he had scored a second try for the Springboks but

But eight minutes before half time it was 14-3 when Johan Erasmus went over for a try con-

it was ruled out because he put a

foot in touch in a tackle by Craig

verted by Montgomery. De Beer sprinted through a gap in the center before slipping a pass to flank forward Erasmus to touch down. Montgomery cooverted and De Beer limped off injured to be replaced by Smith.

Cole leads United past Liverpool; Chelsea crush Spurs

Beckham, won yesterday at Liverpool 3-1 to stay three points ahead of second-place Chelsea in the Premier League.

The loss left once-mighty Liverpool 12 points behind Manchester United with the season not even half over.

Cole opened the scoring in the 51st minute, taking advantage of

penalty in the 60th after Michael Owen was fouled in the area.

Beckham made it 2-1 in the 70th on a perfectly struck free kick and Cole got his second in the 74th to ice the match.

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LONDON (AP) - Manchester sloppy Liverpool defending, pace with a 6-1 bashiog of after Flo scored his first goal and United, with two goals from Andy Cole and another from David to please 41,000 at Anfield on a the home debut of new coach The injured guard remained on months. Christian Gross.

To make matters worse for Tottenham, a fan ran onto pitch Division One

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the ground for five minutes until he was taken away on a stretcher. Blackburn, the third-place club, also kept winning with a 3-1 home victory over Bolton as Bolton's Alan Thompson was sent off in

at struggling

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In the first division, 'Boro took

The most relieved player in England might bave been Stan Collymore, who scored his first goal of the season as Aston Villa defeated Coventry 3-0. Coventry played half of the match with 10 men after Paul Williams was sent off in the 45th.

Southampton play at Wimble-

over first with a 1-0 win at Bury. Forest slipped to second with a 2-2 draw at bome against Bradford. West Brom, with 40 points, moved back into third with a 3-1 win at home over Stockport.

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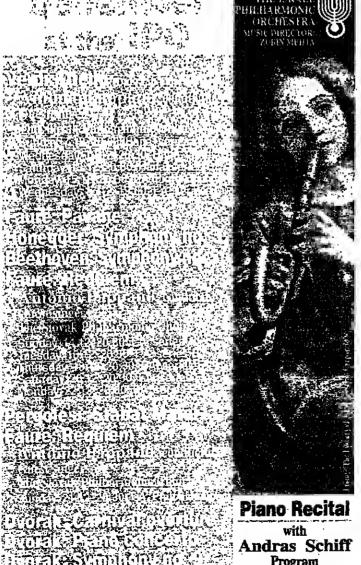
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